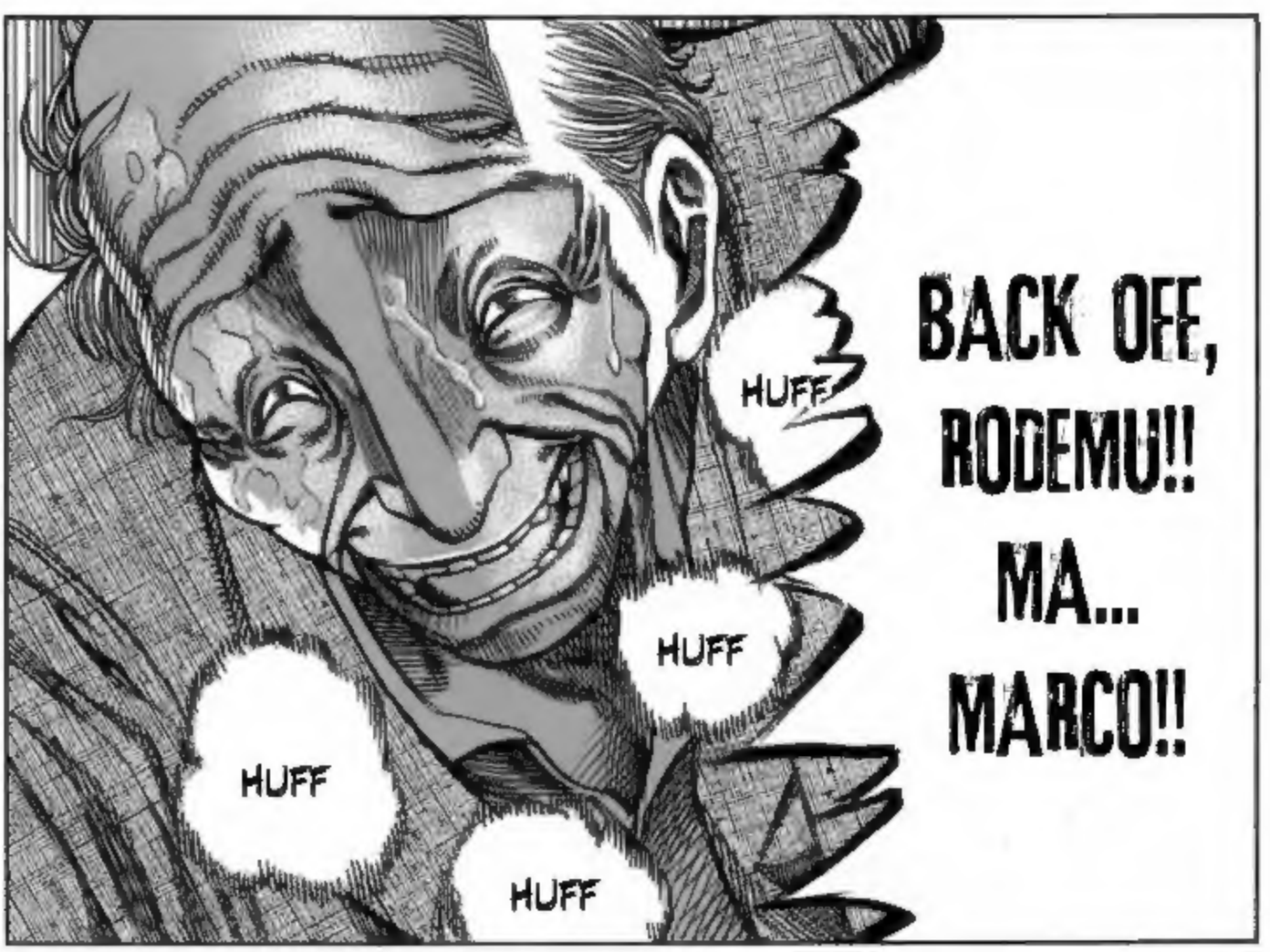

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HE KNOWS WHAT FLOOR I'M ON!
AH
EEK!
W... WHAT.... THE HELL?!


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
第21話
Who am I?




HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BACK OFF, RODEMU!!
MA... MARCO!!

# 第21話

# Who am I?

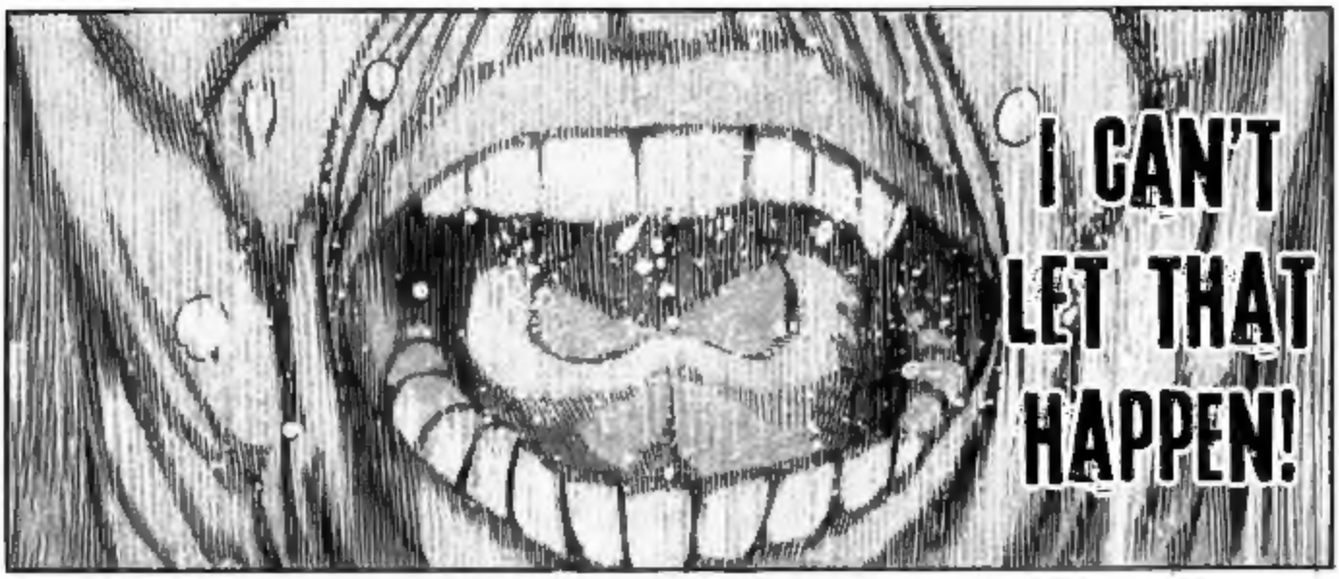



YOU MISSED THE PREY. THERE IS A GAP BETWEEN YOU TWO.
THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH, RODEMU!!
?
?
EEK!
ARGH!
UGH!

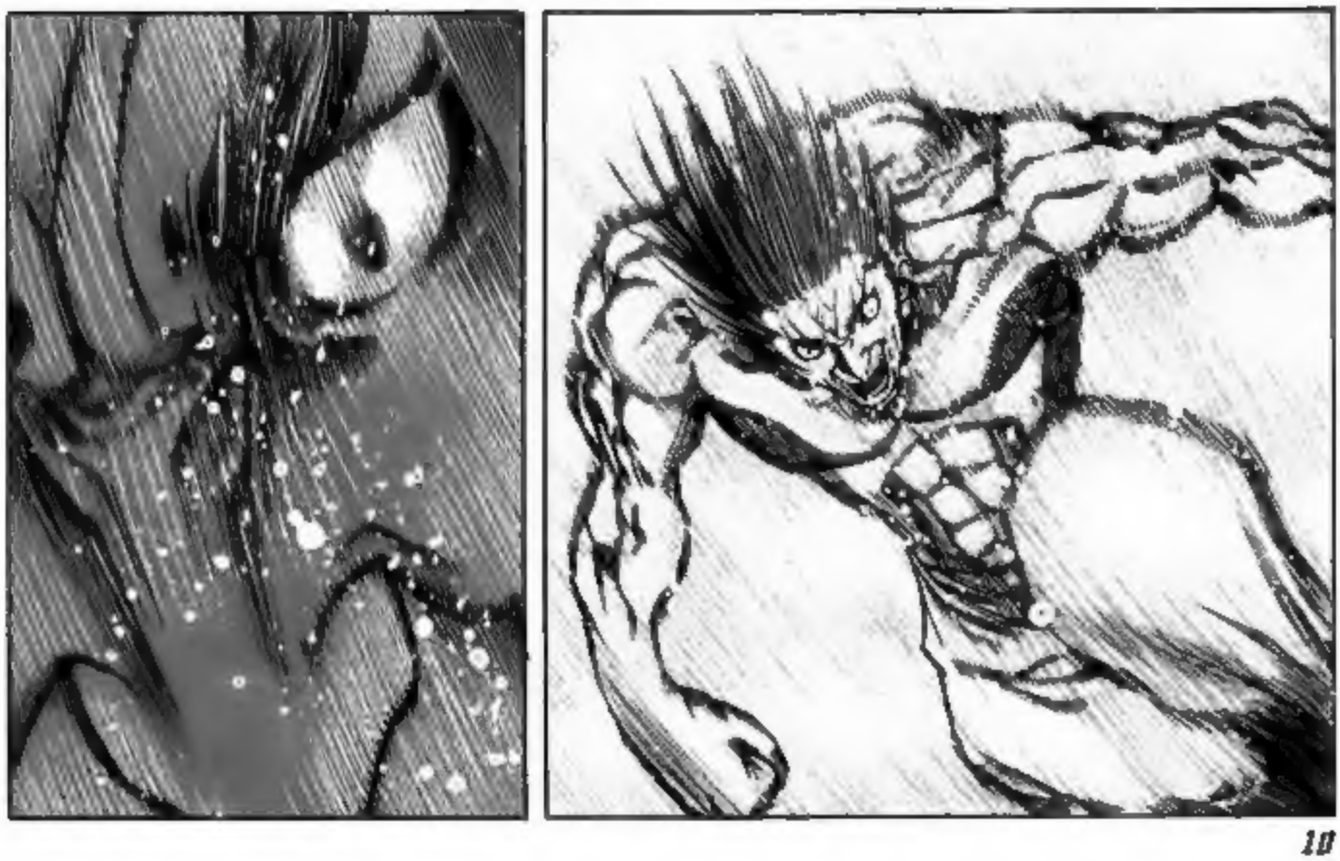


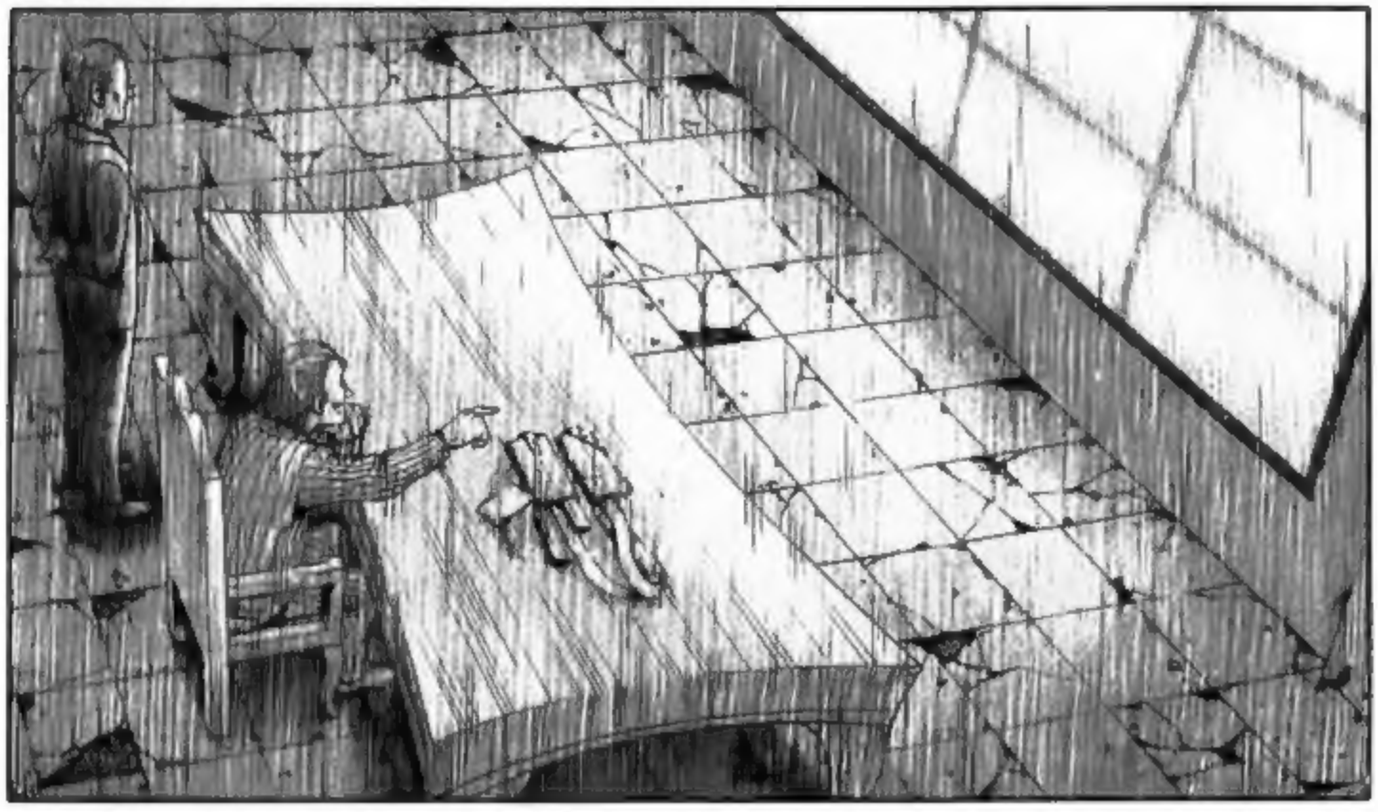

I can sense
the smell of death...



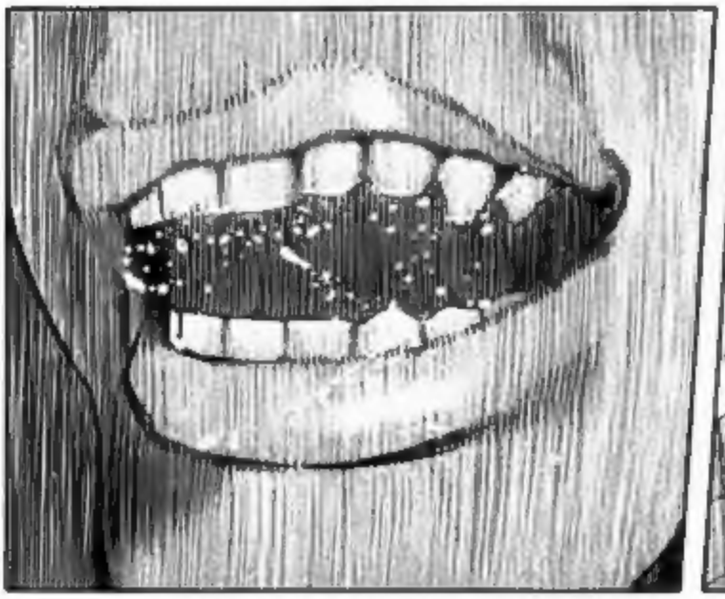

I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!


LET THAT HAPPEN!
I CAN'T...

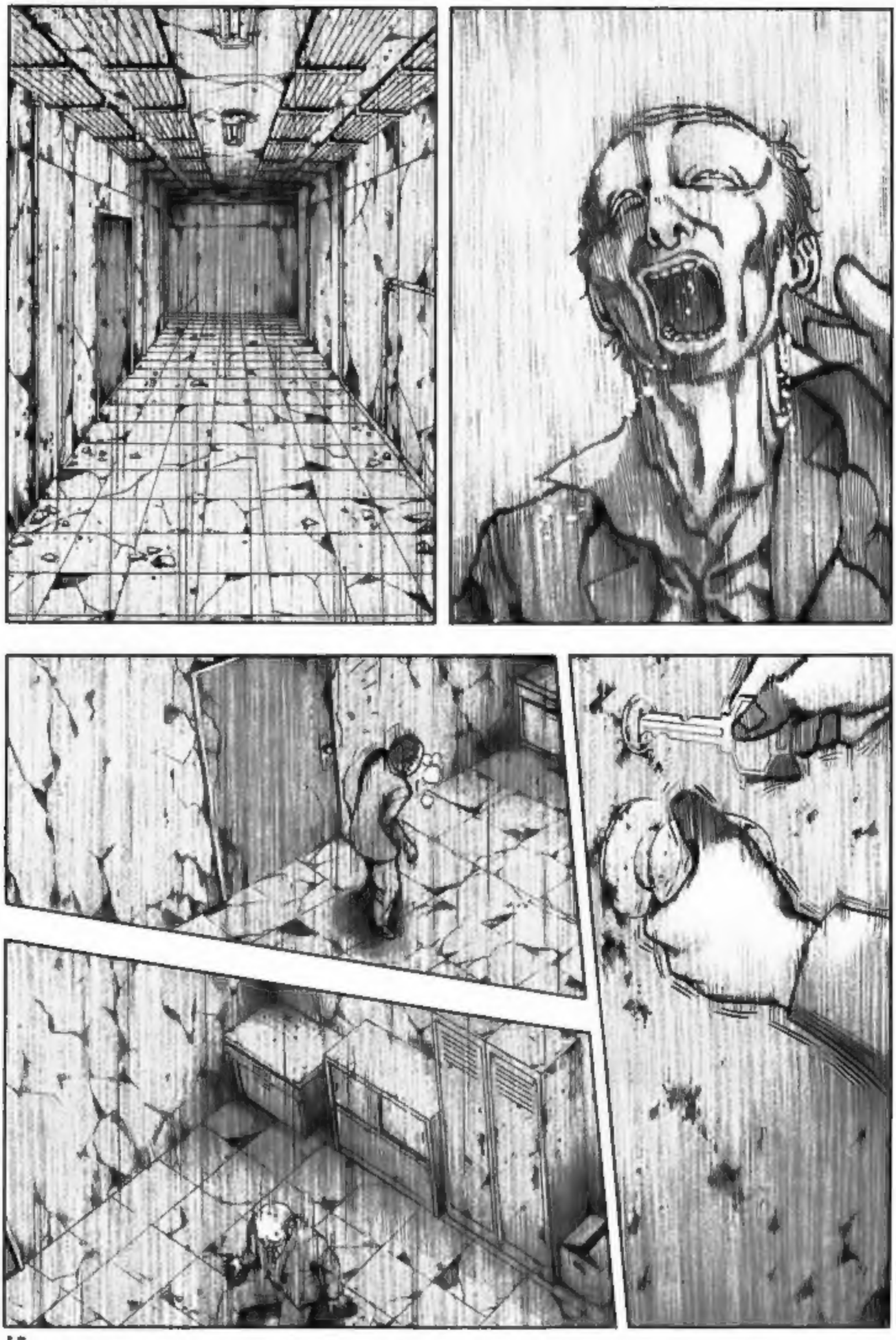













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AWWW, HE GAVE UP!
THAT'S JUST BORING...
huff
huff
huff


BAKU-SAN
...
BUT THIS IS BORING, I'M NOT GONNA GO THROUGH WITH IT.
WELCOME BACK, KAJI-CHAN
HOW INTERE-STING KILLING COULD BE.
Q-TAROU SEEMED TO HAVE FUN DOING THIS
AND I WAS ALWAYS WONDERING ...
TO DISCOVER YOURSELF ...
IT'S YOU THAT HAS TO DO THE SEARCHING.
SO, MARCO
COME HERE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU CAN HEAR ME.


TE...
LL...
ME
MARCO!
EHM...
F...
FATHER...
huff
huff
M...MARCO !!
OH...MY GOD!!
Y...YOU
W...
WHO...
AM...I?
AM...
AM I...
FATHER'S
CHILD?
YOU ARE BACK!!
HAHAHA...MARCO!!
HE'S MARCO!!!


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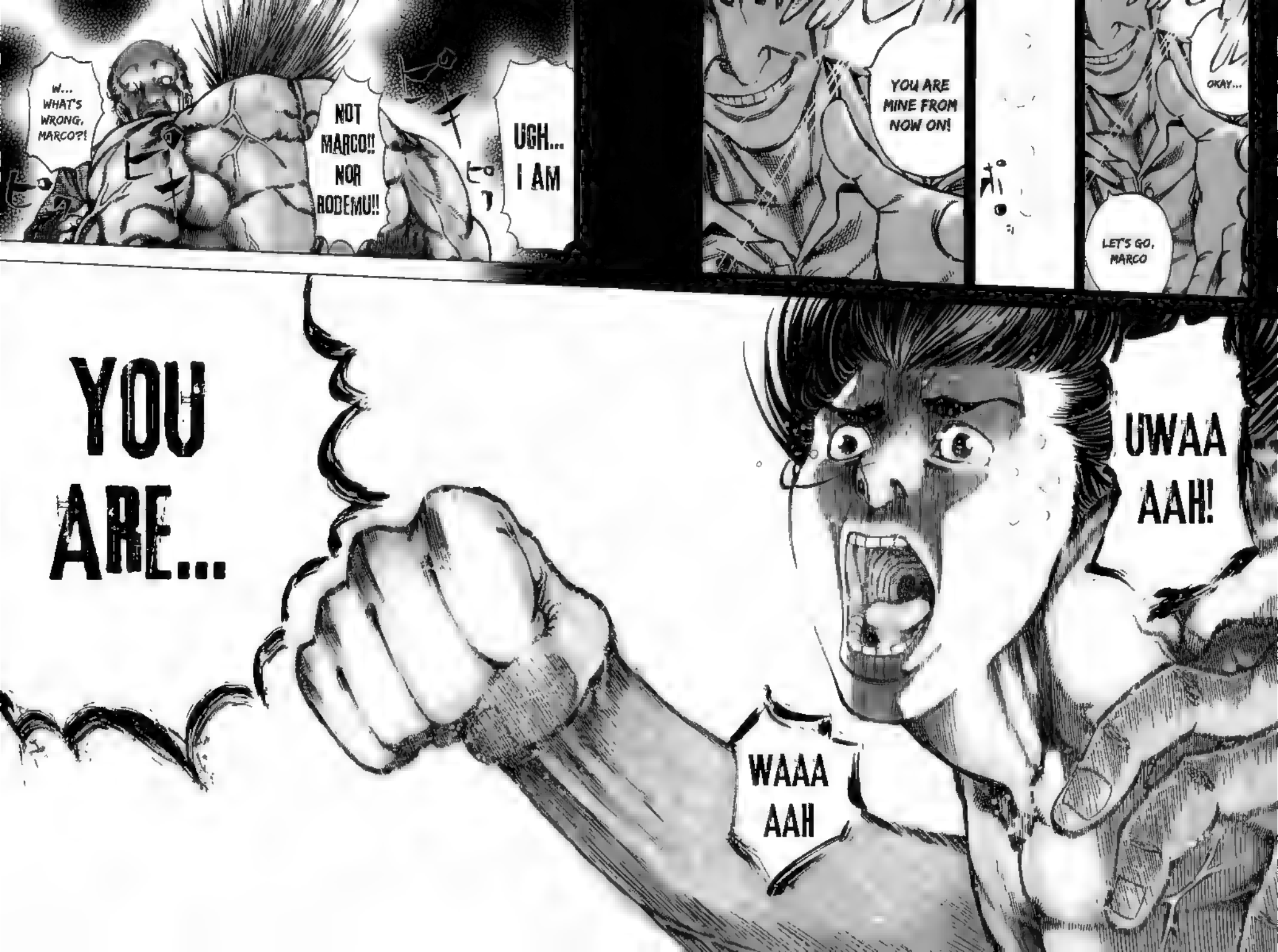

YOU ARE MY SON!
YOU ARE A REAL CHILD OF MINE!


HA... HAHA... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MARCO?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
THE ONLY TRJTH IS THAT...


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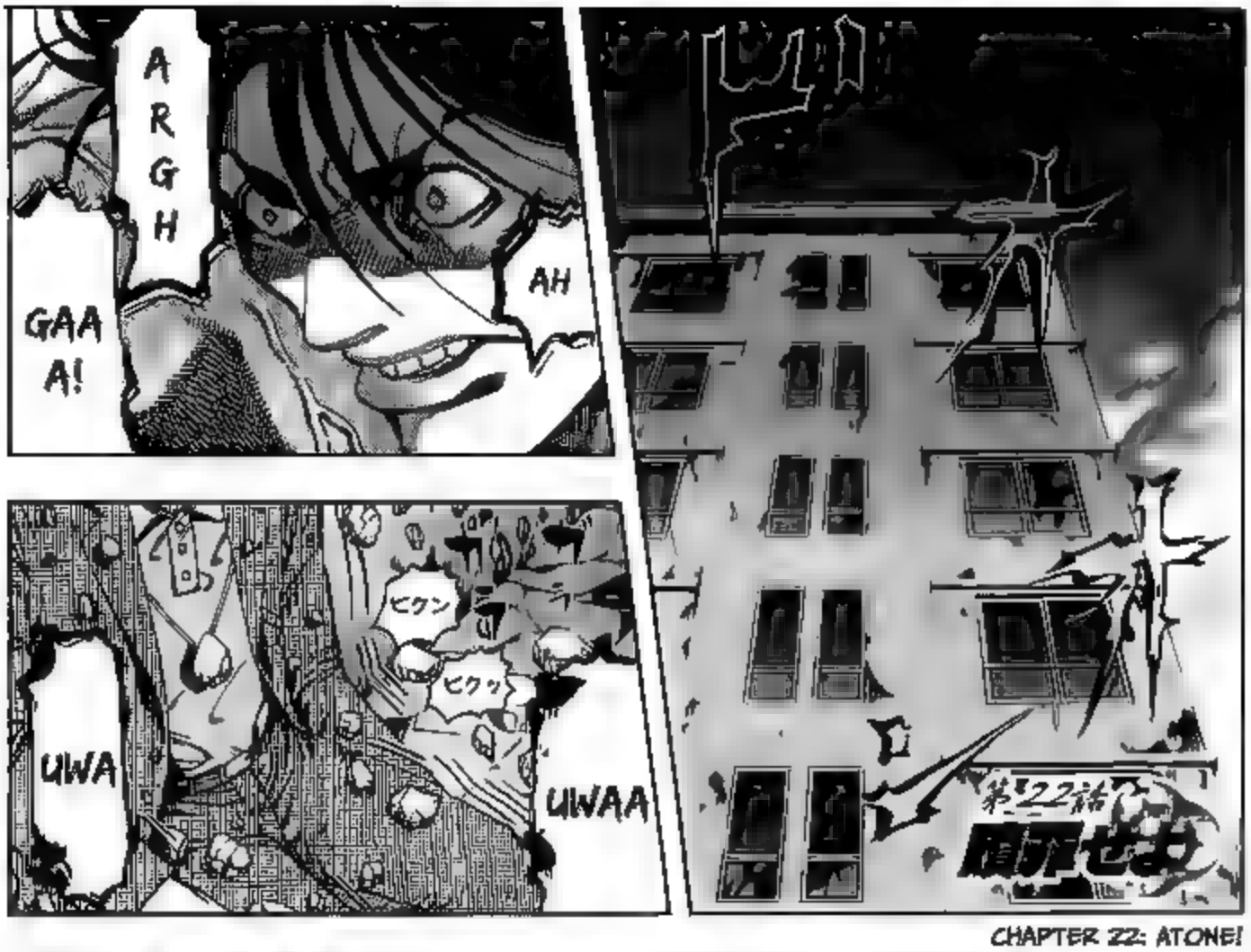

.....
ALL THIS IS BORING...
YOU MUST KILL THE ENEMY, MARCO... LEND ME THAT HAND OF YOURS!


YOU'D BETTER LEAVE THIS BUILDING AT ONCE.
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING HERE, USOGUI?
I BURN WITH ANGER WHEN I SEE YOU, THE BASTARD WHO KILLED THAT MARCO.
I'VE BEEN IN THE BATTLEGROUNDS FOR SO LONG BUT STILL... MARCO WAS THE ONLY SUCCESSFUL GUINEA PIG I COULD OBTAIN.
THE TEST SUBJECT...
YOU KILLED...
THE VILLAGE
THE TEST SUBJECT -
ATTA-CKING...

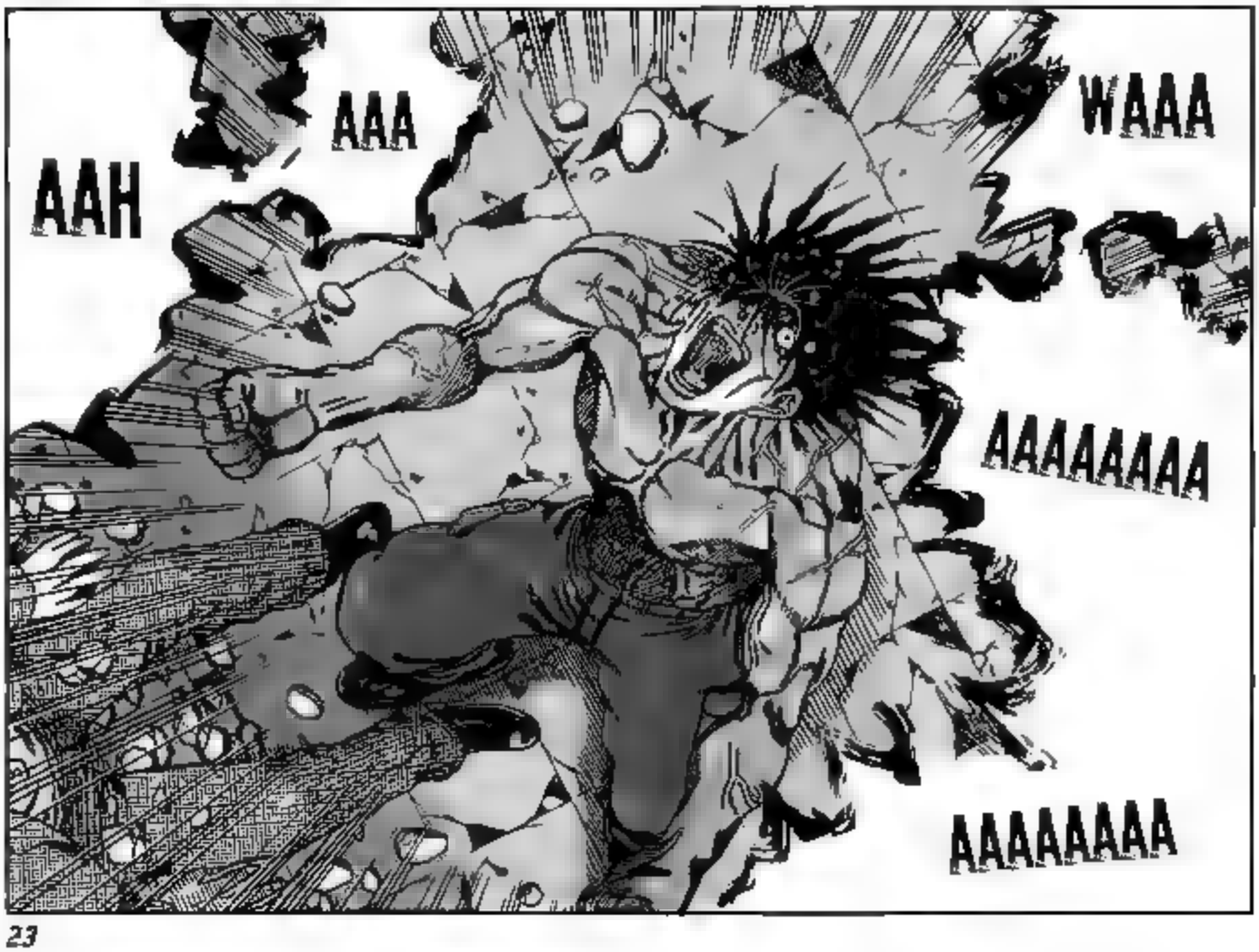

W... WHAT'S WRONG, MARCO?!
NOT MARCO!! NOR RODEMU!!
UGH... I AM
YOU ARE MINE FROM NOW ON!
OKAY...
LET'S GO, MARCO
YOU ARE...
WAAA AAH
UWAA AAH!


A LIAR.


DAMN
RIGHT!




CHAPTER 22: ATONE!




第22話
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BAKU-SAMA.
CONGRA-TULATIONS,
..AND I'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR SECRET.
IT APPEARS THE RESULT IS DECIDED...
BECAUSE ANYONE THAT COULD HAVE NTERFERED HAS BEEN EL.MINATED, THE ONLY TH NG LEFT IS TO LEAVE THE BUILD NG...
THAT WAS THE CASE FROM THE START OF THE GAME THAT MEANS THAT YOU, BAKU-SAMA, AND YOUR COMPANION WERE TRACKED BY A TRANSPONDER MOUNTED ON YOU SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING.
KOKONOE-SAMA WATCHED THE LIGHTS ON THE MONITOR TO CONF RM ON WHICH FLOOR BAKU-SAMA WAS.
HA-HA
SO YOU'RE REALLY CURIOUS, AFTER ALL. RIGHT, YAKOU-SAN?


AFTER THAT, YOU ARRIVED ON THIS FLOOR, ALONE, AND ANOTHER LIGHT WENT ON.
BAKJ-SAMA, YOU NEUTRALIZED RODEML ON THE 6TH FLOOR...
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT THAT THE BAG WITH $100,000 WAS EQUIPPED WITH A TRANS-PONDER.
YAKOU SAN?
...
THIS IS POSSIBLE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IN REGARD TO YOUR COMPANION... BUT HOW ON EARTH COULD KOKONOE-SAMA ATTACH A TRANSPONDER ON BAKJ-SAMA? I AM INTERESTED IN KNOWING, SO...
A PERSON WHO HOLDS THAT... HIDES HIMSELF IN A PLACE WHERE HE FEELS THE MOST RELIEF.
AND HE CAN'T DISCARD THAT SO EASILY... AT LEAST, NOT UNTIL HE LEAVES THIS BUILDING.
THAT THING IS KNOWN AS...
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...
ONE WAY O ANOTH R, YOU SAY?
AS NATURALLY AS POSSIBLE ...
...WITH THE LEAST NOTICEABLE THING...


BUT THE MONEY I'M TALKING ABOUT IS NOT THAT ¥100,000.
IT'S THE MONEY THAT SOMEONE PUTS INTO HIS POCKET NATURALLY.
.MONEY!
?
..IS THE TRANS-PONDER.
THIS LITTLE THING...
BUT THIS WAS PROBABLY A TRAP THAT HE USES ALL THE TIME.
A TRAP THAT Q-TAROU SETS TO FEED HIS PREY THE BAIT WITH THE TRANSPONDER ATTACHED.
WHAT YOU CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IS... IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
THOSE TRANSPONDERS WERE STASHED ON US IN THAT CHEAP GAMBLING GAME WE HAD WITH Q-TAROU BEFORE YOU APPEARED...
THEN COMES HIS INVITATION TO THE GAMBLE CALLED "ESCAPE THE MANSION"... I THOUGHT HIS AIM WAS TO SHOW US THE ¥100,000.


RIGHT AFTER I NEUTRALIZED RODEML ON THE 6TH FLOOR, I USED THE SAME TRICK IN REVERSE.
I DROPPED A TRANSPONDER ON THE 5TH FLOOR, ON MY WAY TO THE 3RD... IT'S NORMAL THAT Q-TAROU DIDN'T NOT CE THAT.
AFTER THAT, I PULLED THE MAGAZINE OUT OF THE SUBMACHINE GUN..
THEN I TOOK BACK THE TRANSPONDER ON THE 5TH FLOOR AND STEPPED INTO THIS ROOM..
FINALLY, I GAVE THE TRANSPONDE R BACK TO.
IT'S REAL OWNER...
SECRETLY ...
WHICH MEANS, HE IS LOADED WITH THE TRANSPONDER HE USED ON US
...AND IS CONTROLLED BY THE GUN OF HIS LACKEY, WHOM HE PERSONALLY DECIDED TO LOCATE...
.. AND, ALSO, HE'S CHASED BY THE SOLDIER THAT HE PERSONALLY DEVELOPED.


. AND HE DEST-ROYED HIMSELF ... RIGHT?
IN OTHER WORDS, HE DIDN'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO USE HIS OWN BRUTE FORCE. .
.....


MAY WE END THIS TOPIC?
WELL, YEAH, SOME-THING LIKE THAT..
IN ADDITION, YOU TRIED TO MANIPULATE RODEM.J.


.....
YOU JUST WANTED TO OBTAIN THAT DANGEROUS, WEAPON-LIKE SOLDIER.
WASN'T THAT YOUR AIM FROM THE BEGINNING?


WHILE...
I WAS HANG-ING WITH BAKU-SAN
ONE THING BECA-ME CLEAR
YAKOU-SAN.
YOU ARE MISTAKEN.
BESIDES...
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING LIKE A...
FIENDISH ASSASSIN.
THIS PERSON IS NOT A VILLAIN

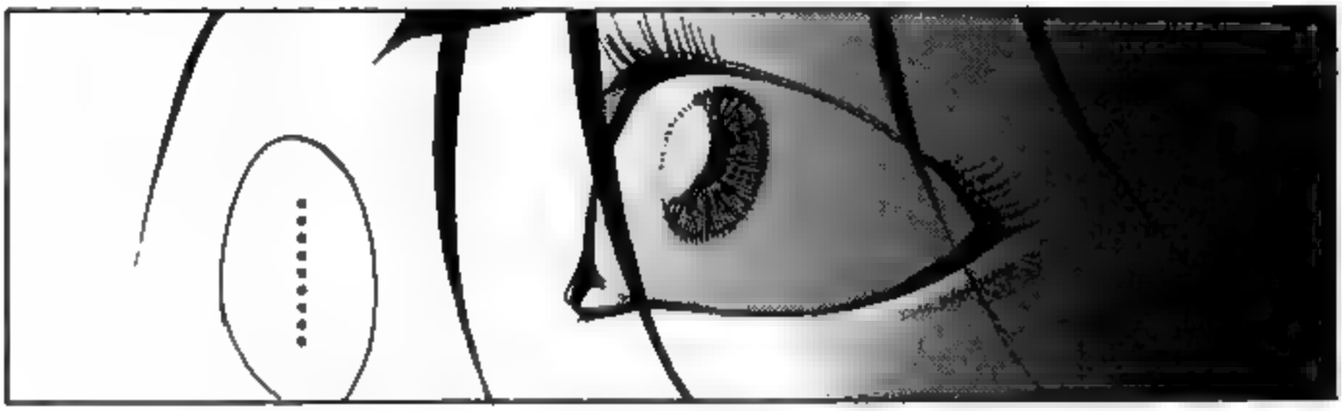

AHH
AHH
AHH
UGH
ARGH
UGH
W... WHO...
AM... I?
.....
T... TELL ME... ONII-CHAN.

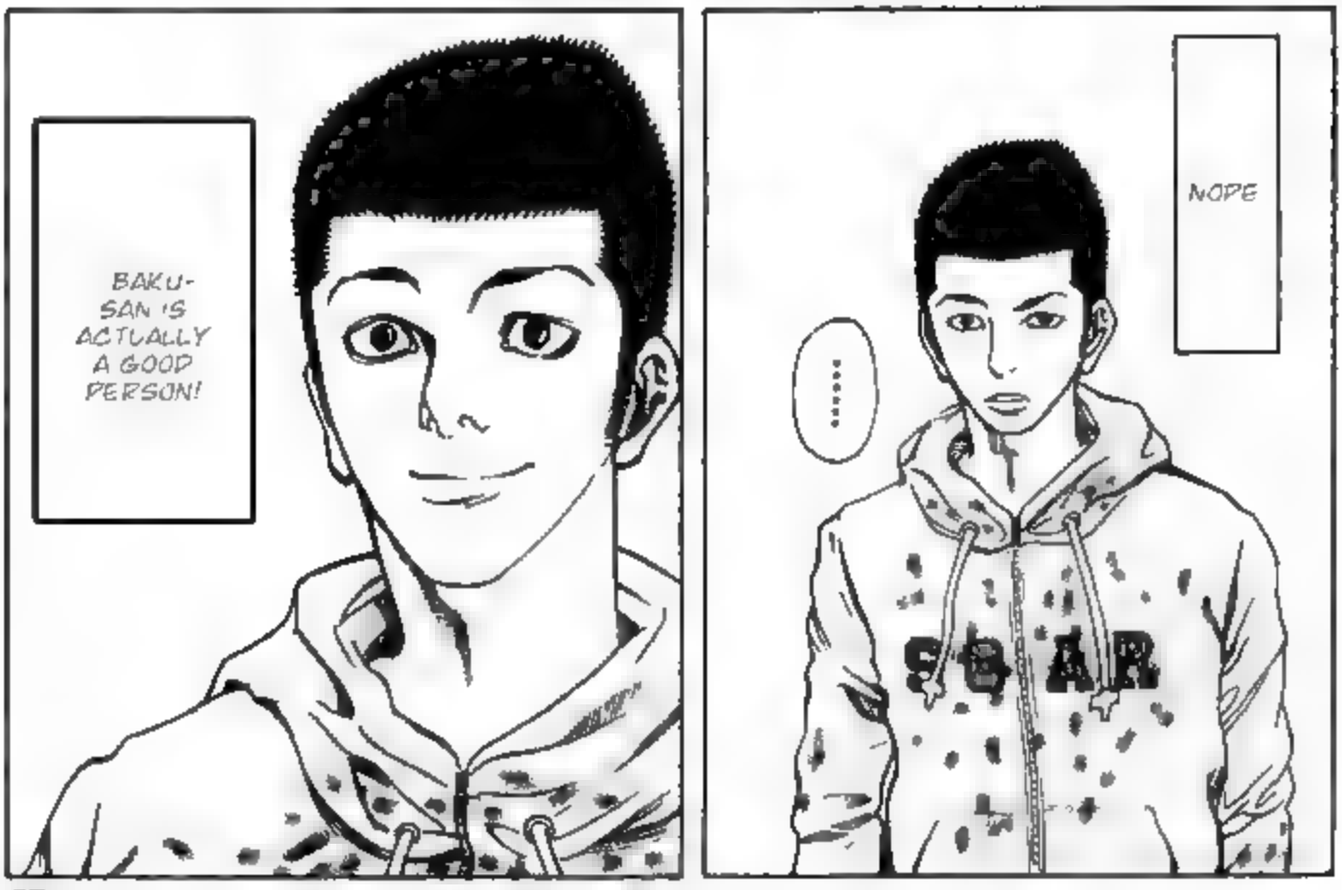

.. AND THEN, THERE'S A GUY CALLED RODEMU, WHO CAME OUT OF YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS AND KILLED LOTS OF PEOPLE... THAT'S ALL I KNOW!
YOU WERE KIDNAPPED BY THIS MAN DURING YOUR CHILDHOOD AND USED AS A TEST SUBJECT IN A WICKED EXPERIMENT...
What should I do?
B... But...
I didn't kill anyone...
Yes... The bad guy is... Rodemu...
THAT'S THE REALITY! YOU ARE BURDENED WITH THAT SIN... ATONE!
FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE TO KEEP ON LIVING.
YOU ARE NOT A KILLER... BUT NOT TOTALLY INNOCENT EITHER...


A... tone?
How... can I do that?
YOU CAN FOLLOW ME.
I WILL...
...HELP YOU ATONE FOR YOUR SINS.
...IS WHAT HE SAID.
HE WASN'T A GOOD PERSON
...
S O A R
BAKJ-SAN, WAIT A SEC.
BUT I WILL NEVER...


...ASK OF YOU TO KILL A PERSON.


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BAKU-SAN IS ACTUALLY A GOOD PERSON!
NOPE
……
SCAR


I'M STILL ALIVE!
AND WE
YAHOO! I'M ALIVE!
ESCAPED FROM THE ABAN-DONED BUILDING
AND THE NIGHT-MARE WAS FINALLY OVER
BY THE WAY, YAKOU-SAN... KAKEROU MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES WERE PART OF THE BET, AS YOU KNOW.


ARE YOU...
SERIOUS ABOUT THIS?
I AM, ABSOLUTELY!
. AS THE KAKEROU MEMBER!
HE IS THE ONE WHO WILL REPLACE Q-TAROU.


第23話
捲土重来



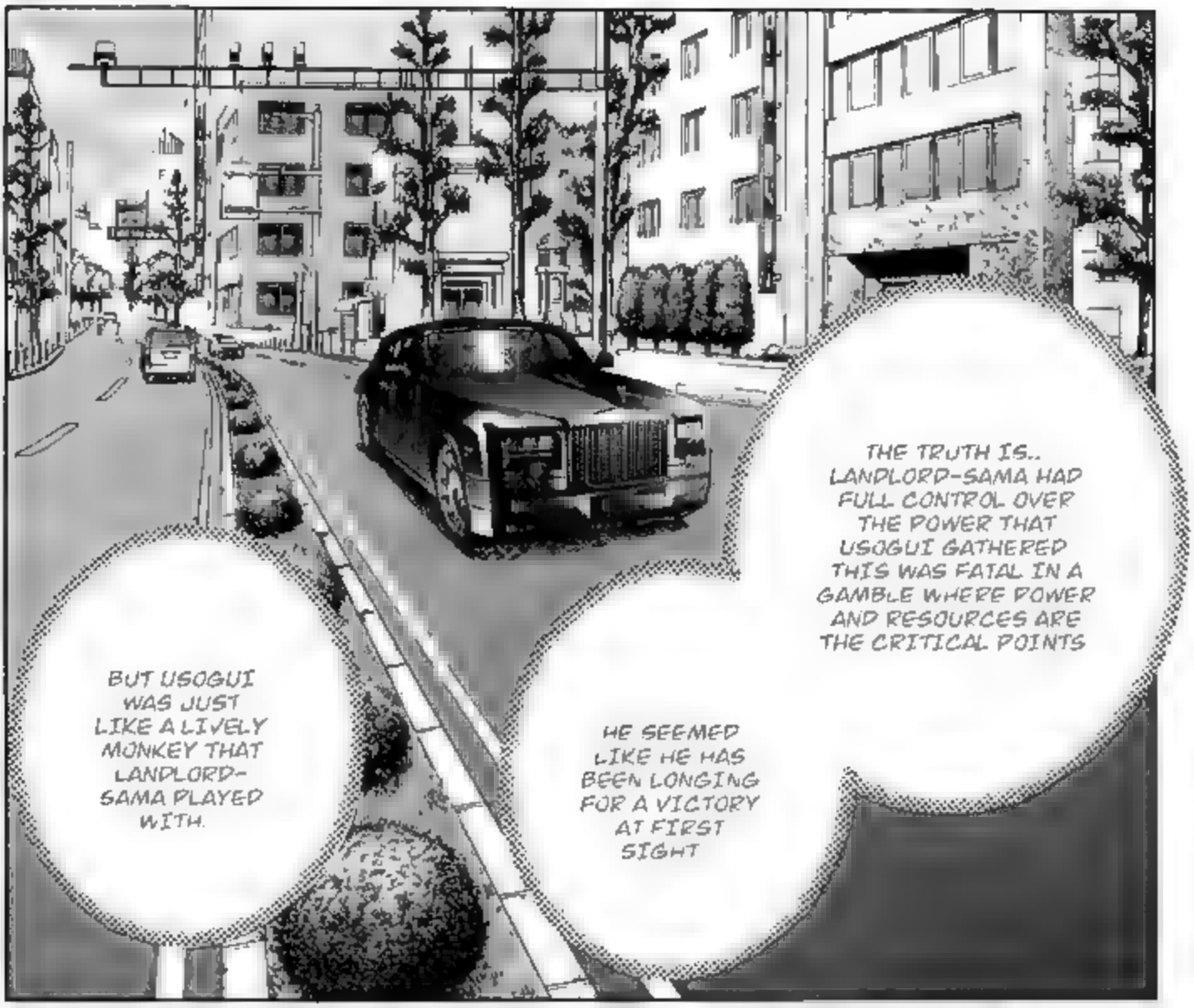
**CHAPTER 23:**
*RECOUPING STRENGTH FOR A RENEWED ATTACK*


IN THE BUILDING
I HAD THE SAME FEELING WHEN I FOUND THE LISTENING DEVICE
I WONDER, AM I OVER THINKING? NO
HIM.
THE NEWEST MEMBER OF KAKEROU IS.
IS USOGUI PLANNING TO MOVE BEHIND THE SCENES WHILE HIS COMPANION STANDS AT THE FRONT?
DID HE SEE HIM AS A USEFUL TOOL FOR FUTURE BATTLES?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN WHY DID USOGUI TURN MARCO... THAT "FORCE" INTO HIS OWN TOOL?


IN THE "PASSING OVER MANSION" GAME AGAINST LANDLORD-SAMA, USOGUI DIDN'T FEEL LIKE HE COULD WIN RIGHT FROM THE START
WAS MY INTUITION CORRECT?


A FORCE THAT COULD CRUSH AND SCATTER KAKEROU MEMBERS CONTINUED TO GATHER
AT THAT TIME


HE COULDN'T WIN THE "PASSING OVER THE MANSION" GAME IN THOSE CIRCUM-STANCES!
MAYBE HE REALIZED IT AT THE SAME TIME THAT


THE TRUTH IS.. LANDLORD-SAMA HAD FULL CONTROL OVER THE POWER THAT USOGUI GATHERED THIS WAS FATAL IN A GAMBLE WHERE POWER AND RESOURCES ARE THE CRITICAL POINTS
BUT USOGUI WAS JUST LIKE A LIVELY MONKEY THAT LANDLORD-SAMA PLAYED WITH.
HE SEEMED LIKE HE HAS BEEN LONGING FOR A VICTORY AT FIRST SIGHT


BESIDES, USOGUI STOOD UP BEFORE LANDLORD-SAMA LIKE A MONKEY THAT COULD MAKE THE BUDDHA LAUGH.


I WONDER IF THE GAMBLE THAT USOGUI PROPOSED WAS ONE OF HIS PLANS.
BUT DID IT REALLY HAPPEN THAT WAY?
EVERYTHING WAS IN LANDLORD-SAMA'S HANDS! THE GENIUS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF HIS TALENTS
AT THAT TIME
WHAT DID HE SEE
WHAT SHOULD WE PLAY?
I WONDER, WHAT DID THOSE EYES SEE AT THAT TIME ..?


YOU ARE BORING...
USOGUI WAS DEFEATED . BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT HIS POMPOUS ACTING AND HIS PLAN WAS A DISASTER!
IF WE THINK THAT HE DID ALL THAT TO FREE HIMSELF FROM THE LANDLORD'S SHACKLES..
I CAN TAKE YOUR LIFE WHEN I FEEL LIKE TAKING IT...
BUT I MAY PROBABLY FORGET ABOUT...
THAT KIND OF A LIFE...
LET'S SAY THAT USOGUI AIMED TO SAVE HIS LIFE BY LOSING THAT GAME... BUT THAT SHOULDN'T BE THE CASE!
BECAUSE, AT THAT TIME, USOGUI WAS


Smiling!


[redacted] REVEALED SOON. BUT STILL THERE IS ...
USOGUI... DID HE WAIT FOR [redacted] FOR ANOTHER ATTACK, SO THEN HE CAN MOVE ONCE MORE?


THERE'S SOME-THING...
BAKU-SAMA
THAT I'D LIKE TO ASK.

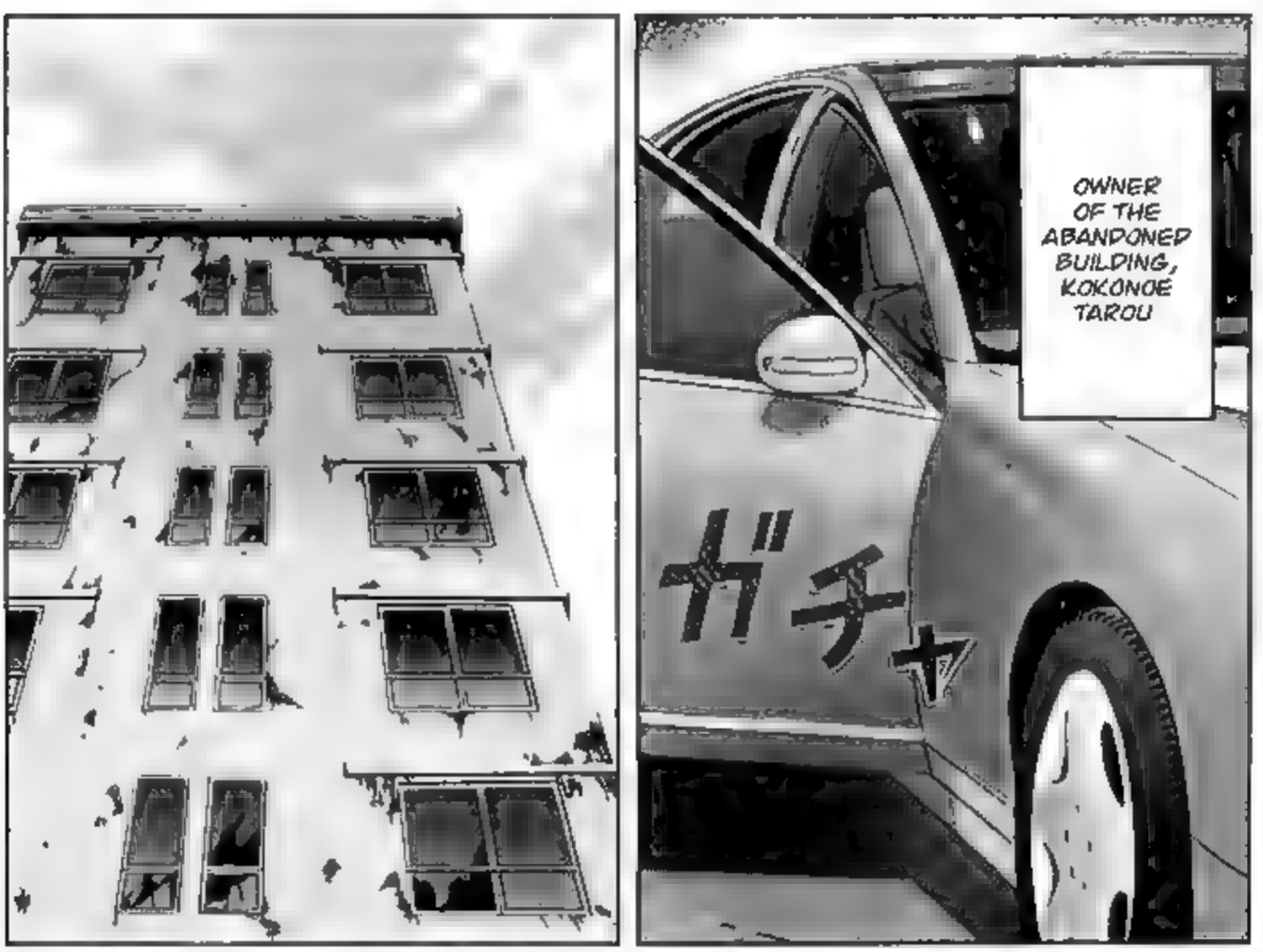

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME THAT I LAUGHED AT YOU!
HA, HA

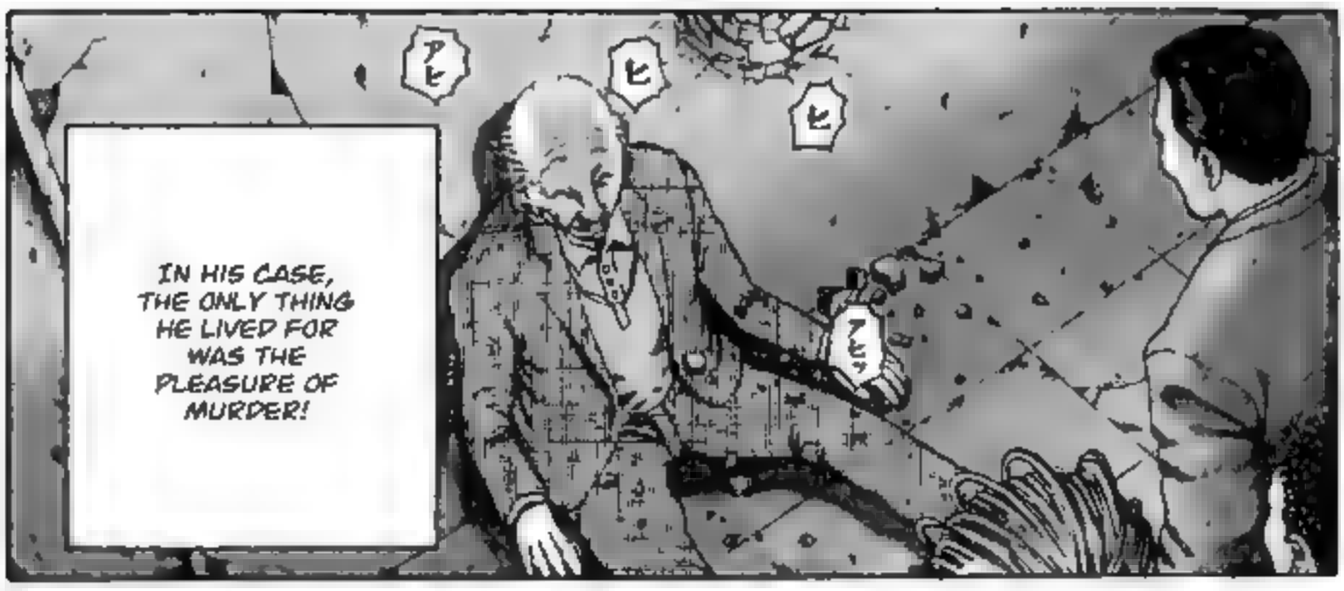

SOME THING THAT MAKES ME LAUGH


HEH-
HEH



# Usogui Eats Everything : File #27



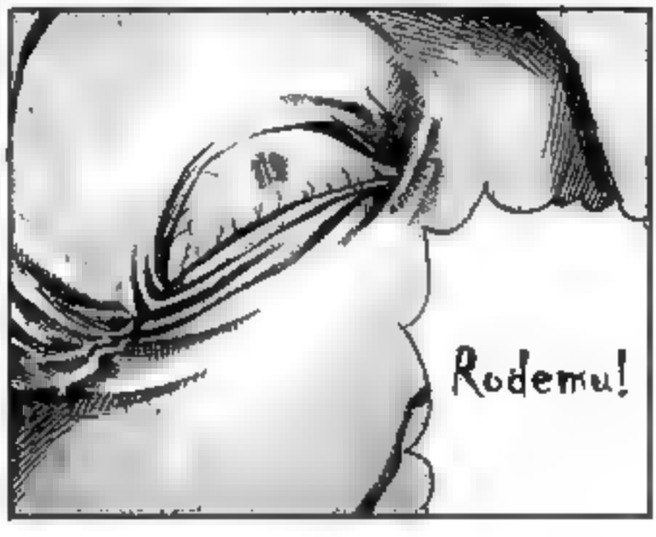

IN HIS CASE, THE ONLY THING HE LIVED FOR WAS THE PLEASURE OF MURDER!
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OH MY, ISN'T HE A CRJEL PERSON...
I FLEW HERE WHEN I HEARD THAT HE CALLED KAKEROU AND HELD A GAMBLING GAME IN THIS BUILDING.

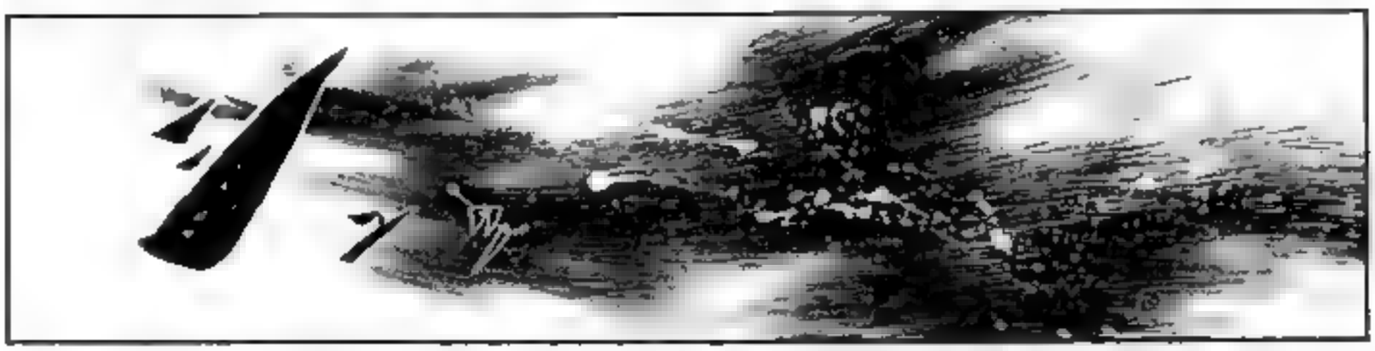

FOR YOU TO LOSE IN THE BUILDING THAT YOU WERE SO PROUD OF... WHO THE HELL WAS YOUR OPPONENT, I WONDER...
BUT IT SEEMS LIKE HE LOST.


Rode-mu!
hie
hieeh
G-TAROU'S ATTACHMENT TO LIFE IS MUCH STRONGER THAN AN ORDINARY PERSON'S.
Where are you!?
hie


RO..
KILLING OTHERS WAS THE HIGHEST OF ALL JOYS, BUT INSTEAD


Rodemu!


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hii
hihi
Rodemu!
Rodemu!
SIGH
Ahii



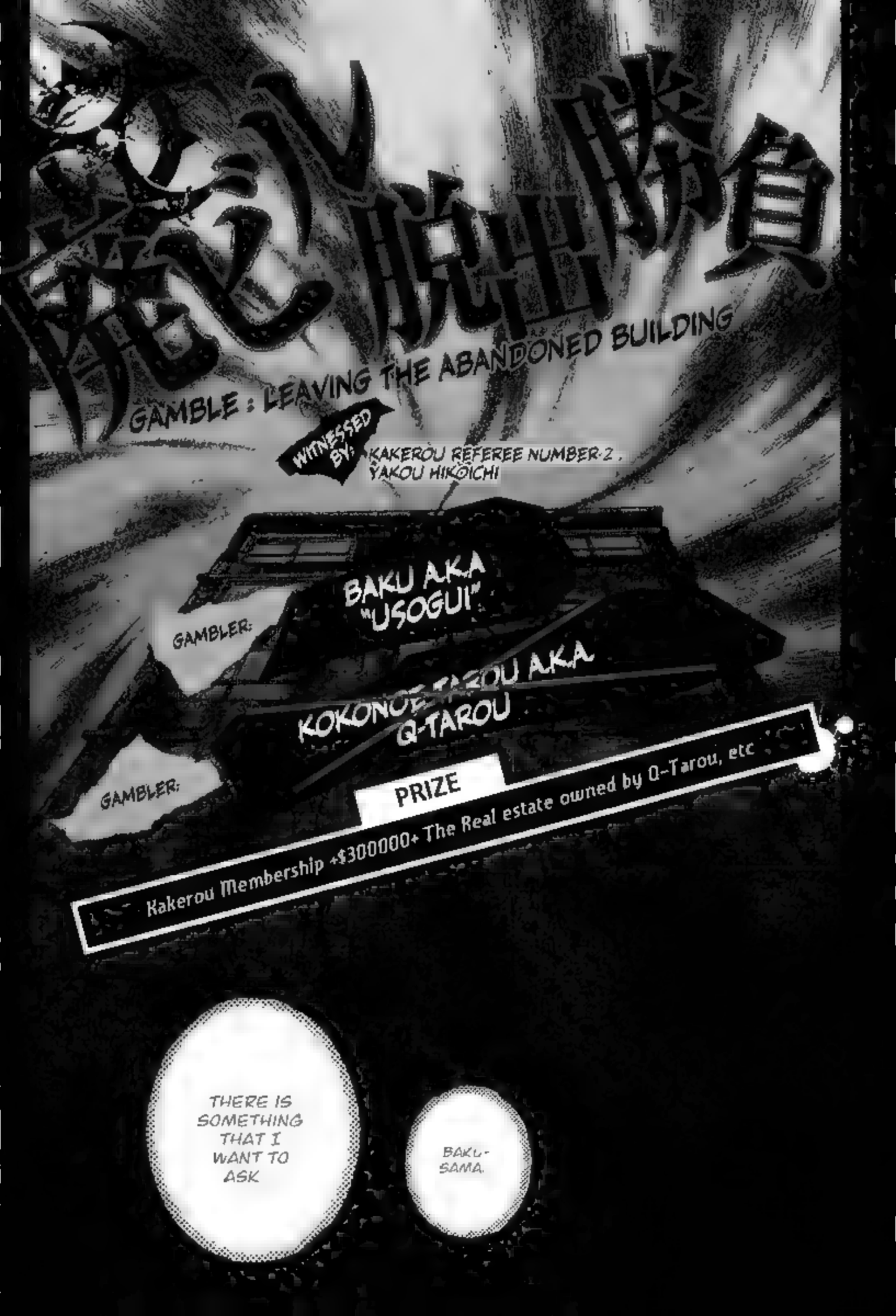

HE DIDN'T UNDER-STAND
pfft
Wahhhh


USELESS... OLD GEEZERS ARE SO GOOD AT ACTING STUPID
You... Who is the one that defeated you...
Is the only thing that I want to know.
WHEN YOU SAY USOGUI... IS IT THAT USOGUI THAT WE ALL KNOW?
USO... GUI...?
.....!!!
USOGUI... YOU SON OF A...
GRRR
RO... RODEMU!


HAS TURNED INTO SOMETHING INTERESTING ...
HAHAA... THAT GUY...


HAVE BEEN AN EYESORE FOR A LONG TIME.
YOU...
MURDERING OTHERS IS THE SAME AS PUTTING ONE'S OWN BODY INTO A DEATH MATCH

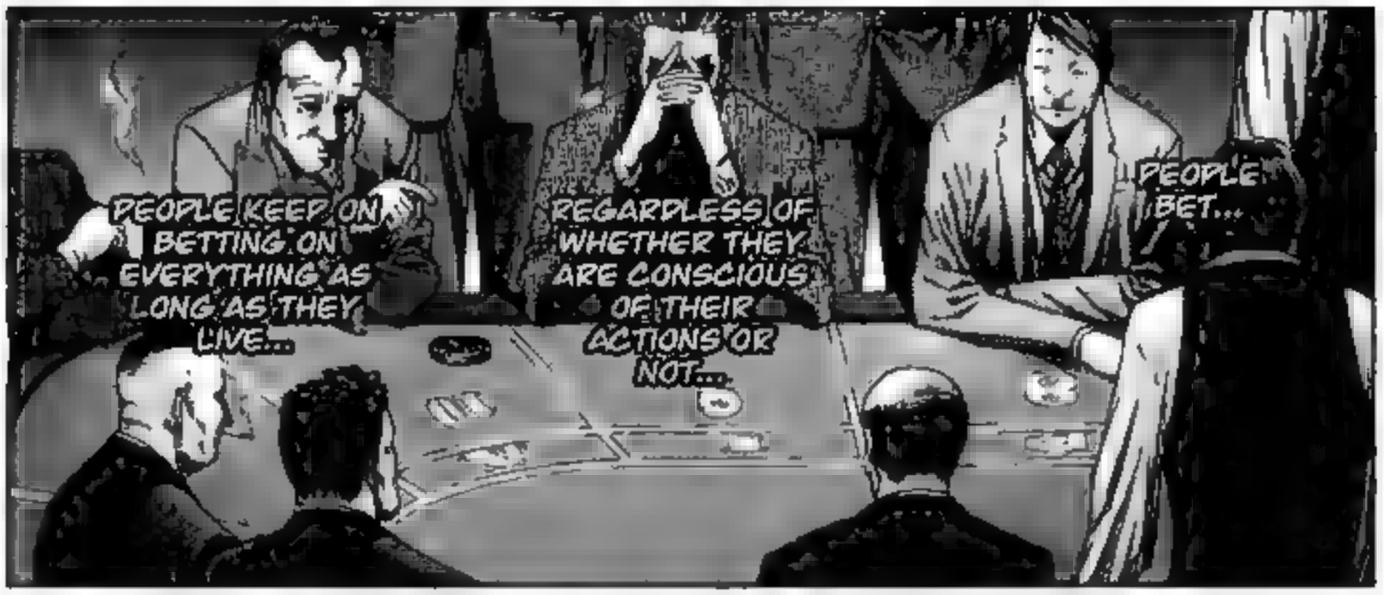

...WHEN HE DIED OR NOT, NO ONE KNOWS.
WHE-THER HE LEARNED THAT...


GAMBLE : LEAVING THE ABANDONED BUILDING
WITNESSED BY: KAKEROU REFEREE NUMBER 2, YAKOU HIKOICHI
GAMBLER: BAKU A.K.A "USOGUI"
GAMBLER: KOKONOE TAROU A.K.A Q-TAROU
PRIZE
Kakerou Membership +$300000+ The Real estate owned by Q-Tarou, etc
THERE IS SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO ASK
BAKU-SAMA.


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MY AIM IS...
WHEN YOU DECIDED TO ACQUIRE KAKEROU, WHAT WERE YOU AIMING FOR?
"WORLD PEACE"...
MAYBE...?


Muhahahaha



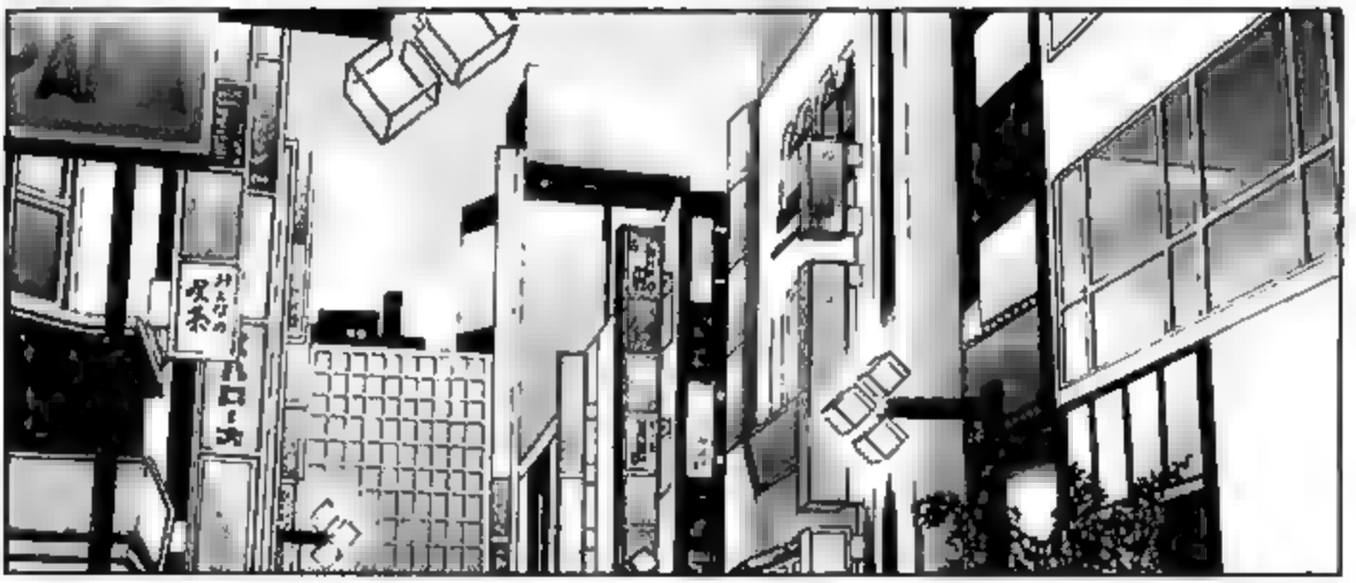

PEOPLE KEEP ON BETTING ON EVERYTHING AS LONG AS THEY LIVE...
REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ARE CONSCIOUS OF THEIR ACTIONS OR NOT...
PEOPLE BET...


A GAMBLE... OR RATHER...
HUMAN LIFE IS...
CHAPTER 24: WORRYING OVER MONEY

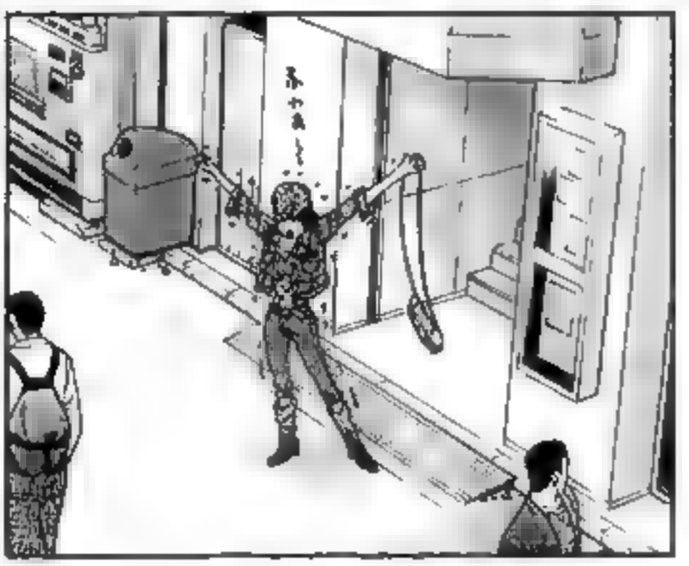

IS A GAMBLER...
EVERY SINGLE EXISTENCE...



# CHAPTER 24:
# WORRYING OVER MONEY








H... HEY SOME-ONE PLEASE!!
SOMEONE CATCH HIM! HE TOOK MY BAG!


KYAAA! WHAT...




HEY!
DON'T JUST DO THINGS BY YOUR-SELF!
Huh?
!?
料理


What the-?!

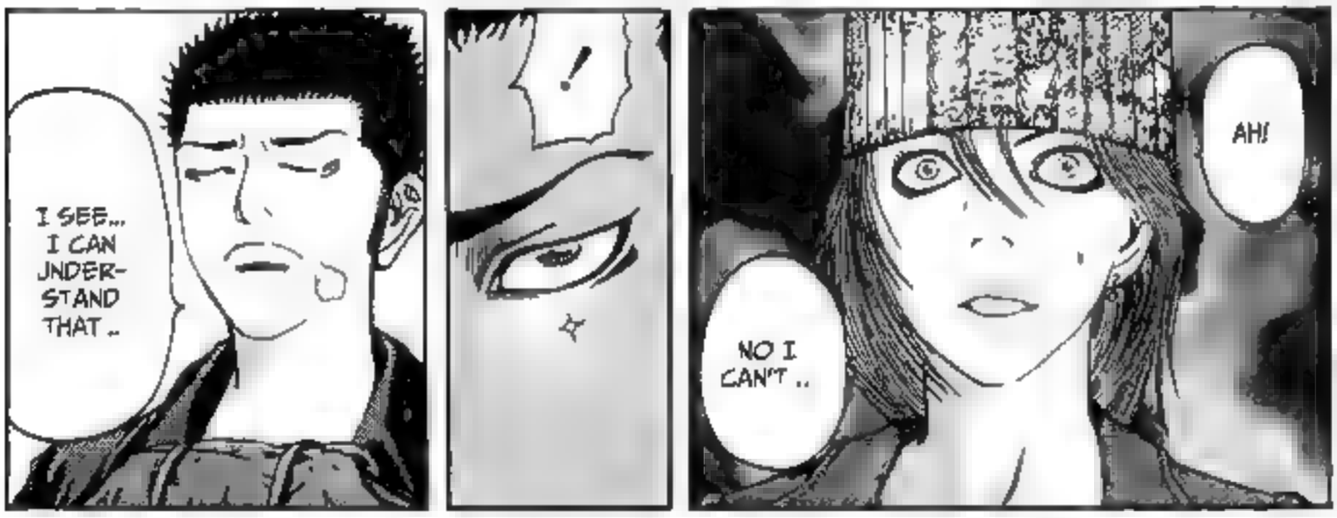


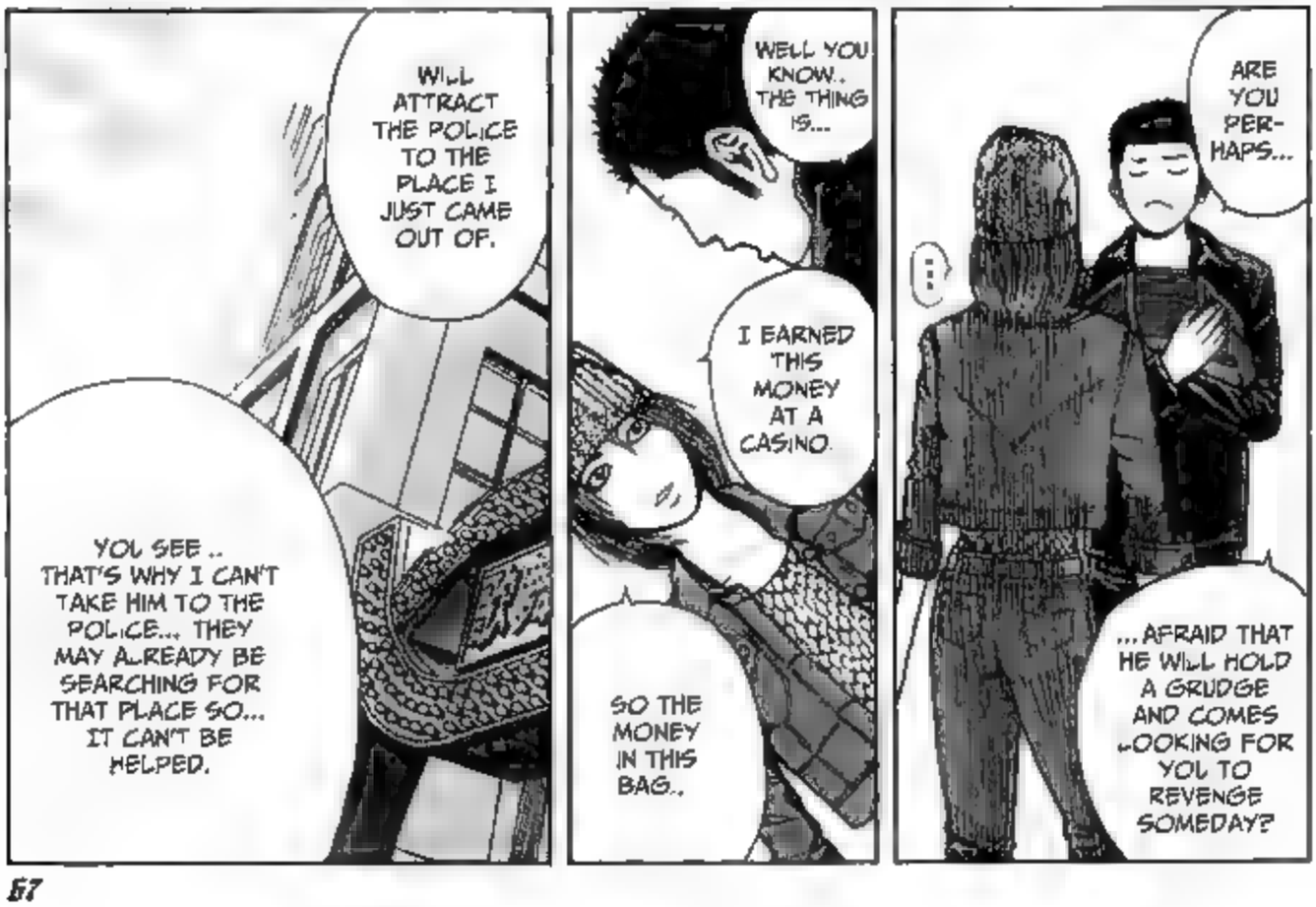

T/N: *Baku Original saying: "Stealing is a part of life, and you may get your things stolen by others as a consequence."

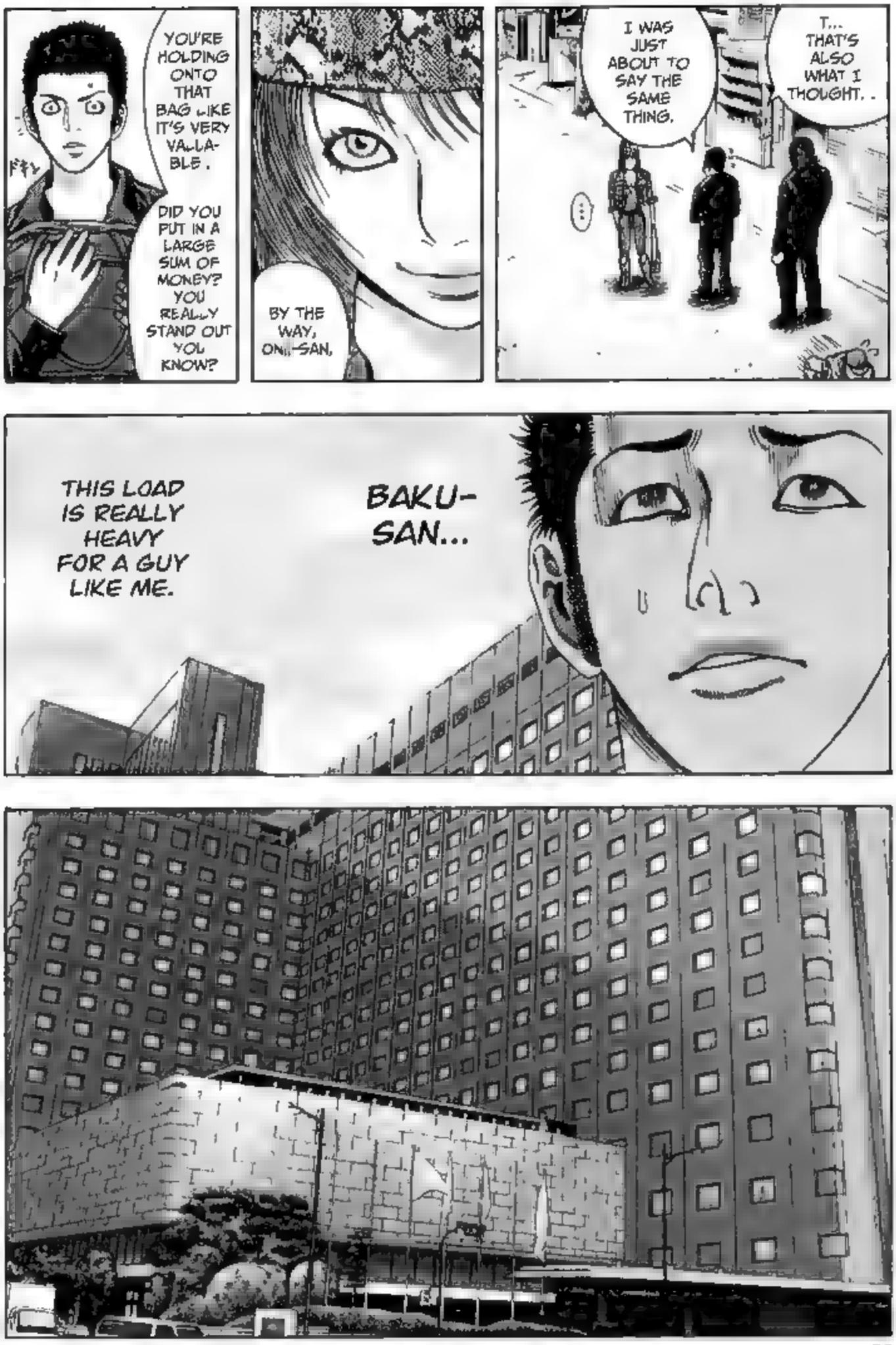
T/N: Marco's speaking and comprehend abilities are still not good due to the drugs he has been taking up to now.

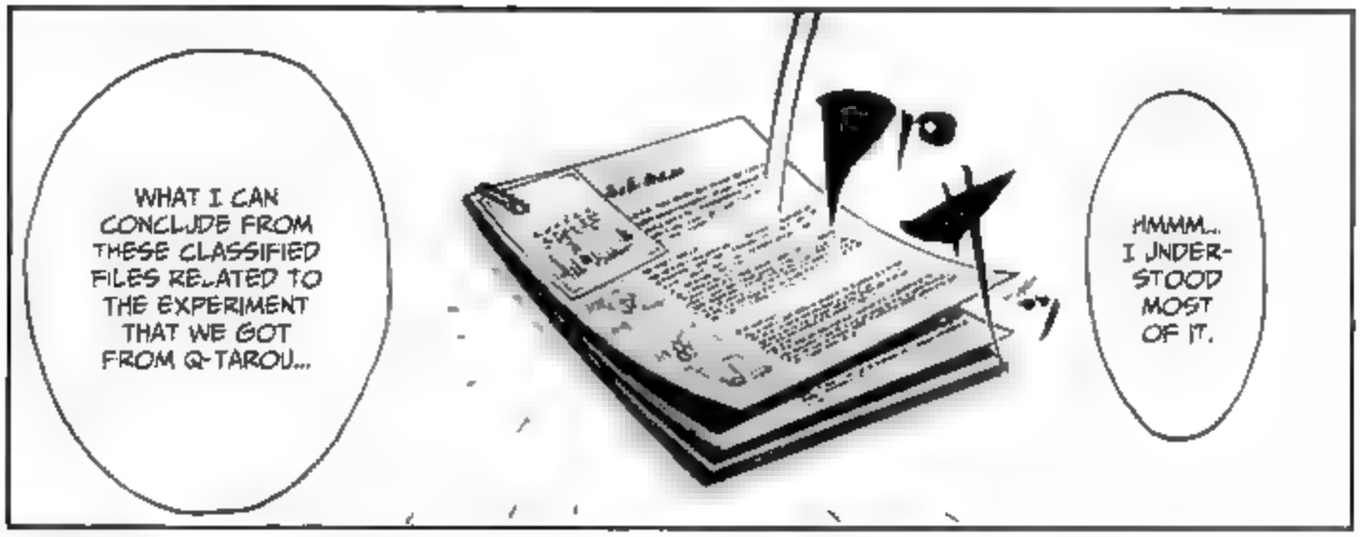

THERE YOU GO.
AND WHY DID YOU SHORTEN HIS NAME TO JUST "BAKU"?*
YOU KNOW THAT'S NONSENSE MARCO.. WHAT DID BAKU TEACH YOU?
SO, WILL YOU REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE?
IT'S ALRIGHT BAKU DOESN'T STEAL LIFE

*T/N: it's improper to not to add "-san" suffix to others' names in general. There are exceptions though...





WILL ATTRACT THE POLICE TO THE PLACE I JUST CAME OUT OF.
YOU SEE.. THAT'S WHY I CAN'T TAKE HIM TO THE POLICE... THEY MAY ALREADY BE SEARCHING FOR THAT PLACE SO... IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
WELL YOU KNOW.. THE THING IS...
I EARNED THIS MONEY AT A CASINO.
SO THE MONEY IN THIS BAG..
ARE YOU PER-HAPS...
...AFRAID THAT HE WILL HOLD A GRUDGE AND COMES LOOKING FOR YOU TO REVENGE SOMEDAY?


YOU'RE HOLDING ONTO THAT BAG LIKE IT'S VERY VALUABLE.
DID YOU PUT IN A LARGE SUM OF MONEY? YOU REALLY STAND OUT YOU KNOW?
BY THE WAY, ONI-SAN,
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO SAY THE SAME THING.
T... THAT'S ALSO WHAT I THOUGHT..
THIS LOAD IS REALLY HEAVY FOR A GUY LIKE ME.
BAKU-SAN...


WHAT I CAN CONCLUDE FROM THESE CLASSIFIED FILES RELATED TO THE EXPERIMENT THAT WE GOT FROM Q-TAROU...
HMMM... I UNDER-STOOD MOST OF IT.


IT SEEMS LIKE THE DAMAGE ON MARCO'S BRAIN MAY START TO HEAL IF THE MEDICINE USE IS STOPPED.
IS THAT Q-TAROL HAS BEEN APPLYING MEDICINE TO MARCO REGULARY.
ALSO... THAT INHUMAN STRENGTH SEEMS TO BE A RESULT OF A PERSONALITY CHANGE IN RODEMU, RATHER THAN BRAIN ACTIVITY REALLOCATION.
NONETHELESS, MARCO'S STRENGTH IS STILL SUPERIOR TO AN ORDINARY HUMAN'S.







*T/N: He shorten Marco's name to Ma-kun*


THIS IS BAD! I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE! WHAT- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
TO THINK THAT I AM THE MEMBER INSTEAD ...
I WAS SURE THAT BAKU-SAN WOULD BECOME A KAKEROU MEMBER BUT...

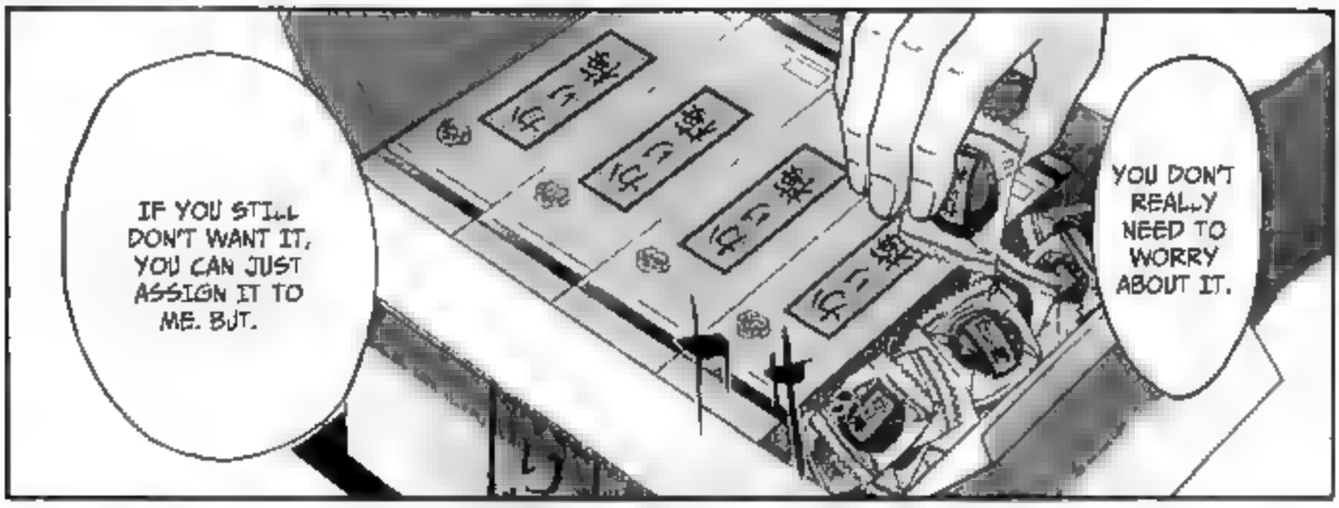




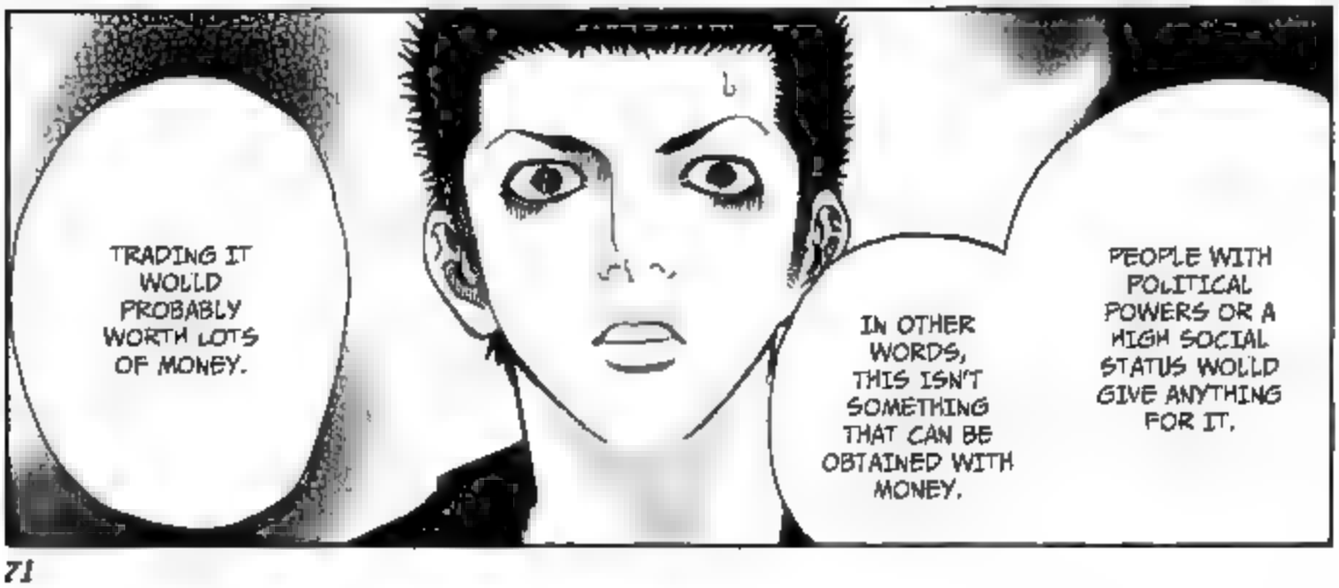
.....
IT'S ALRIGHT, KAJI-CHAN! YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING SPECIAL JUST BECAUSE YOU SUDDENLY BECAME A MEMBER.
THE MEMBER-SHIP IS FOR..


IT'S NOT LIKE YOU WILL BE INVOLVED IN SOME-THING BAD.
YOU JUST CALL THE REFEREES TO STOP YOUR INSECURITY AT THOSE TIMES.
Why did he buy so much kariume[t/n]?

*TL/N: kariume is a snack also known as kari kari ume. Google it if you wanna know more*


IF YOU STILL DON'T WANT IT, YOU CAN JUST ASSIGN IT TO ME. BUT.
YOU DON'T REALLY NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.


THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT A KAKEROU MEMBER-SHIP..
THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS IS LIMITED TO 48. SUCH A RARE THING IS *INVALUABLE*

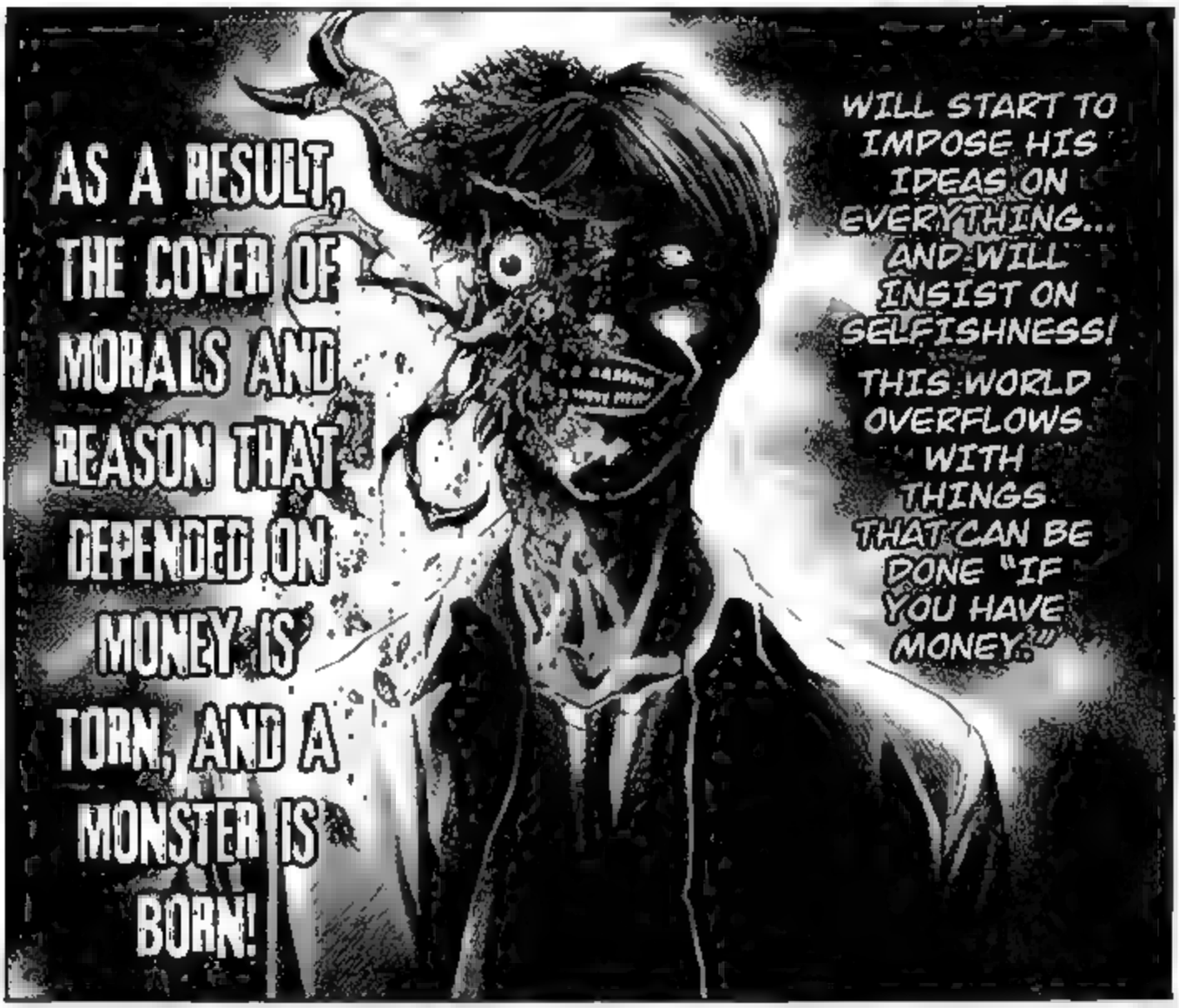

TRADING IT WOULD PROBABLY WORTH LOTS OF MONEY.
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING THAT CAN BE OBTAINED WITH MONEY.
PEOPLE WITH POLITICAL POWERS OR A HIGH SOCIAL STATUS WOULD GIVE ANYTHING FOR IT.

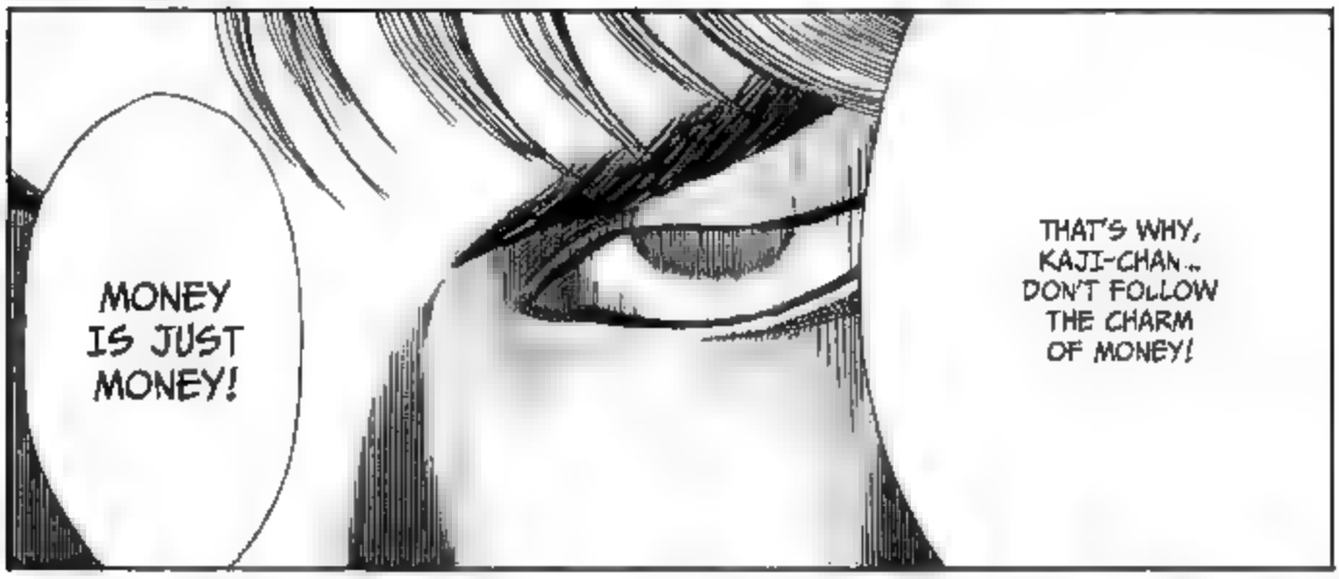

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTAIN MYSELF SINCE THEN... IT WORRIES ME!
THAT $300,000 WE WON IN CASH...
BAKU-SAN... THAT'S NOT THE ONLY THING THAT I AM AFRAID OF.
$300,000!
IT'S $300,000 YOU KNOW!
KAJI-CHAN...
DON'T LET MONEY... THIS LARGE SUM OF MONEY... BREAK YOUR MIND.
AND NOW... I CAN'T EVEN TAKE A PEACEFUL NAP WHILE HOLDING THIS LARGE SUM OF MONEY.
?
EVEN IN MY WILDEST DREAMS... NO MATTER HOW HARD I WORK, I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT I COULD EARN $300,000.
...


LIKE ANOTHER PART OF THEM THAT THEY CAN'T SEE!
MONEY CHARMS PEOPLE.
FOR MOST PEOPLE, MONEY IS.


IN EITHER A GOOD OR A BAD WAY, THE MORE PARTS A PERSON COLLECTS...
THE CLOSER THEY BECOME TO THE SELF THAT THEY CAN'T SEE.


A PERSON POSSESSED BY THAT CHARM...
MONEY WILL SATISFY THEIR GREED.


AS A RESULT, THE COVER OF MORALS AND REASON THAT DEPENDED ON MONEY IS TORN, AND A MONSTER IS BORN!
WILL START TO IMPOSE HIS IDEAS ON EVERYTHING... AND WILL INSIST ON SELFISHNESS!
THIS WORLD OVERFLOWS WITH THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE "IF YOU HAVE MONEY."


MONEY IS JUST MONEY!
THAT'S WHY, KAJI-CHAN... DON'T FOLLOW THE CHARM OF MONEY!


IT'S A PIECE OF PAPER THAT CAN BURN WITH A LIGHTER.
MONEY IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE BLOOD THAT RUNS IN YOUR VEINS AND GIVES YOU LIFE!


THESE ¥300,000... I GIVE THEM ALL TO YOU.
.....
KAJI-CHAN, I DON'T KNOW WHICH PART OF YOUR PERSONALITY COMES FORWARD WHEN YOU HOLD THE MONEY, BUT...
WHAAT?
MONEY IS JUST MONEY
DON'T WORRY OVER MONEY, KAJI-CHAN...
AND WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, TAKE MA-KUN WITH YOU. IT'LL BE A PART OF HIS REHABILI-TATION.

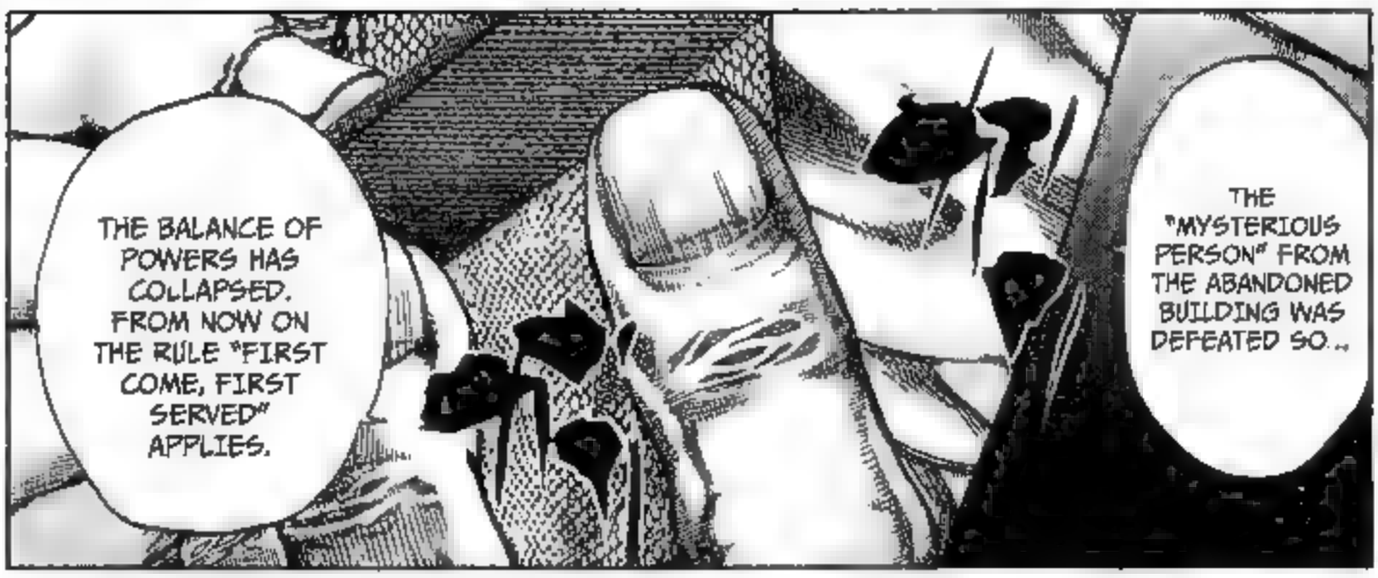

GO AND WASTE IT ALL...
ON A GAMBLE.
WHAT?!


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AREN'T THEY JUST TOO ORDINARY? I COULDN'T WIN BIG. . OR IT WOULDN'T EVEN MATTER IF I WON AT ALL!
YEAH, BUT THE HOUSES IN JAPAN ARE ALL ABOUT SLOTS AND ROULETTE AFTER ALL.
EEH?
SO ONII-CHAN, WERE YOU LOOKING FOR A CASINO?
THERE'S AN INTERESTING HOUSE THAT A CUSTOMER TOOK ME TO AT AN AFTER-GAMBLE.
YOU SAVED ME A WHILE AGO, SO...
CAN YOU INTRODUCE ME THERE?
OH... THAT CASINO!!






CHAPTER 25
LATELY, THINGS HAVE BEEN CHAOTIC IN THIS DISTRICT.
YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT WE CAN'T REACH AN AGREEMENT.
GIVE UP ALREADY, MANAGER.


THE BALANCE OF POWERS HAS COLLAPSED. FROM NOW ON THE RULE "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED" APPLIES.
THE "MYSTERIOUS PERSON" FROM THE ABANDONED BUILDING WAS DEFEATED SO...


SO I WILL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE OVER THIS PLACE. I WOULD RATHER NOT USE ANY VIOLENCE SO...


I KNOW THAT THIS PLACE BELONGS TO THE OBANAGJMI FAMILY...
BUT THEIR POWER HAS WEAKENED HERE.




BEFORE YOU SEE ME GETTING UP FROM THIS CHAIR, LEAVE ALL YOUR MONEY AND...
GET LOST.


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YOU CAN...
BECOME A YOGA MASTER... WHILE YOU STILL CAN...
FROM NOW ON, THIS SHOP...
BELONGS TO ME, SAMEMARU-SAMA!

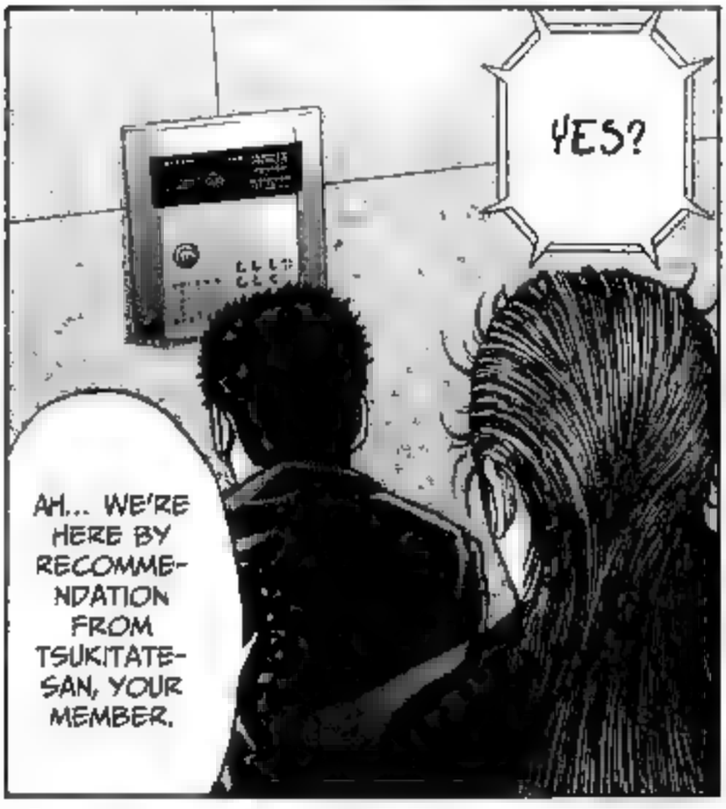

THIS IS THE PLACE.
IT'S ROOM NUMBER 704.
THE CASINO THAT I MENTIONED IS IN THIS APARTMENT.
THERE ARE LOTS OF GAMES AVAILABLE, LIKE HANAFUDA**, POKER, OR TEHONBIKI**
AND THE SHOP TAKES 10% COMMISSION FROM EACH GAME.
WE HAVE FUN GAMBLING BETWEEN FELLOW GUESTS...
YOU KNOW, THIS PLACE IS... A LITTLE OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

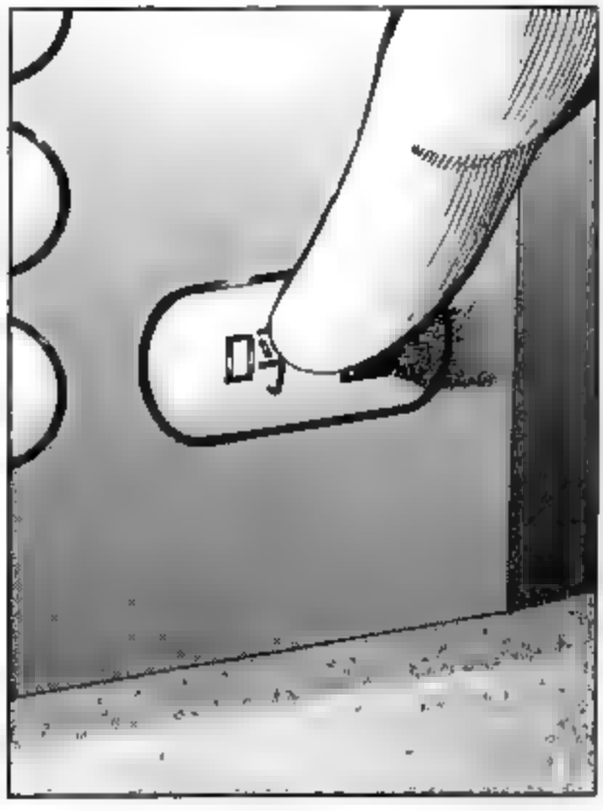
*T/N: hanafuda . floral game cards, there are four sets of 12 cards, each displaying a month*
*tehonbiki . an old japanese gambling game but I didn't care to search more about its contents. Google it if you're curious.*

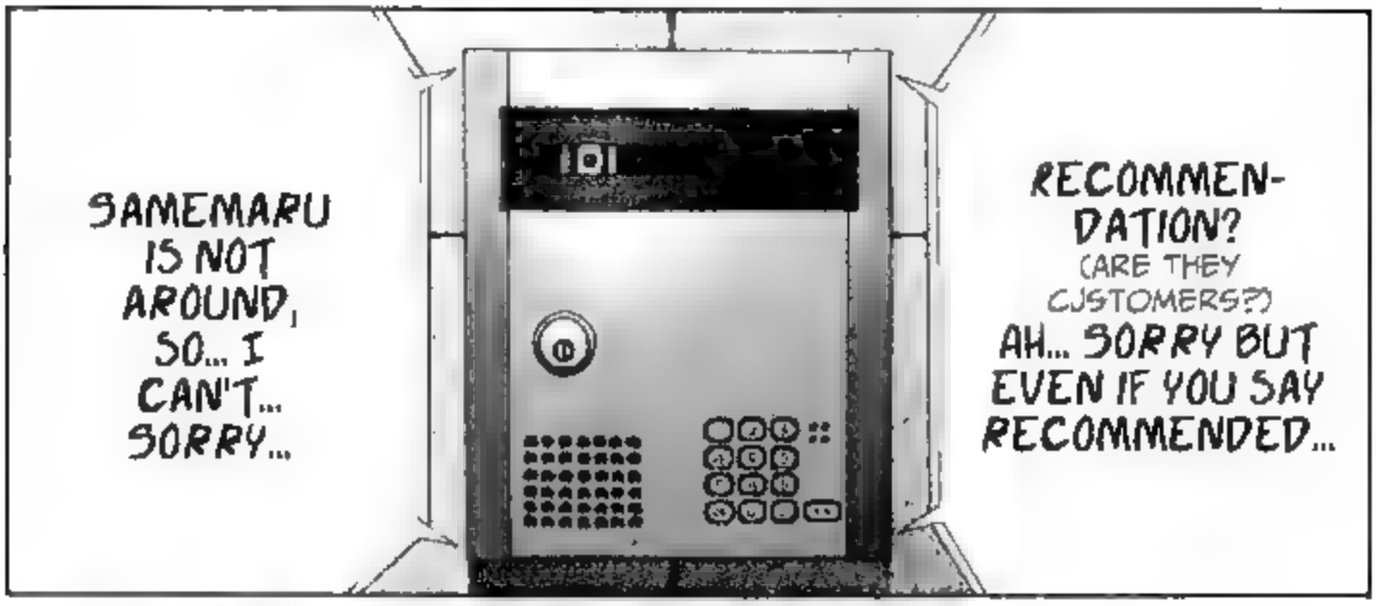

AH. HI MURAYAMA-SAN, LONG TIME NO SEE...WHAT? YOU'RE COMING TODAY?
AH... YOU CAN GO IN IF YOU WANT. JUST SAY, "WE WERE RECOMMENDED BY TSUKITATE-SAN"


THE SHOP OWNER IS AN ENTERTAINING PERSON, AND THE ATMOSPHERE IS ALSO.
RING RING
RING RING


I TOLD YOU TO GO WASTE IT ALL BUT THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE.
YOU'RE A GENIUS!
I .. I'LL GET A GOOD TURN OUT IN HERE AND SURPRISE BAKU-SAN... HEH... HEHE


YES?
AH... WE'RE HERE BY RECOMMENDATION FROM TSUKITATE-SAN, YOUR MEMBER.

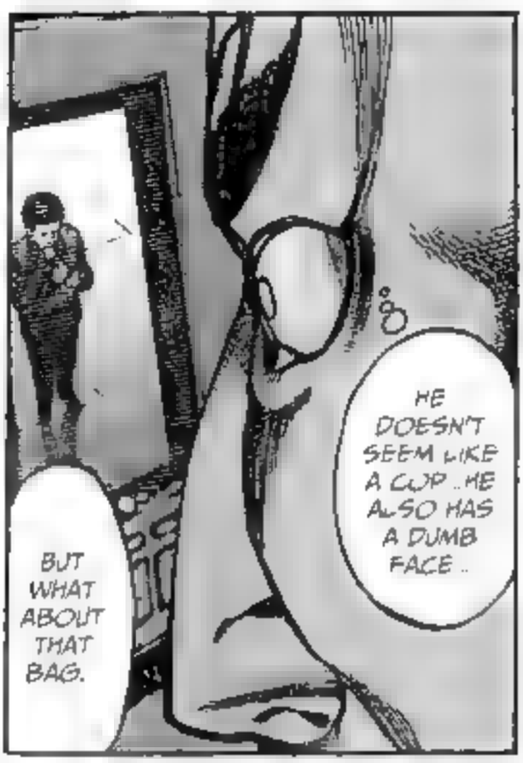



SAMEMARU IS NOT AROUND, SO... I CAN'T... SORRY...
RECOMMEN-DATION?
(ARE THEY CUSTOMERS?)
AH... SORRY BUT EVEN IF YOU SAY RECOMMENDED...




BESIDES, THERE'S A LITTLE COMMOTION IN HERE, KINDA...


AH!! YOU MEAN TSUKITATE-SAN, OUR CLIENT, I SEE...
(LIKE I KNOW HER)
THAT BAG... SMELLS.
SMELLS OF MONEY...
AH IT'S ALRIGHT. OKAY. I'M OPENING THE DOOR, SO PLEASE COME IN.


HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A COP. HE ALSO HAS A DUMB FACE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT BAG.


I AM... THE OWNER, SAMEMARU.
THANK YOU FOR WAITING, SIRS. PLEASE DO COME IN.

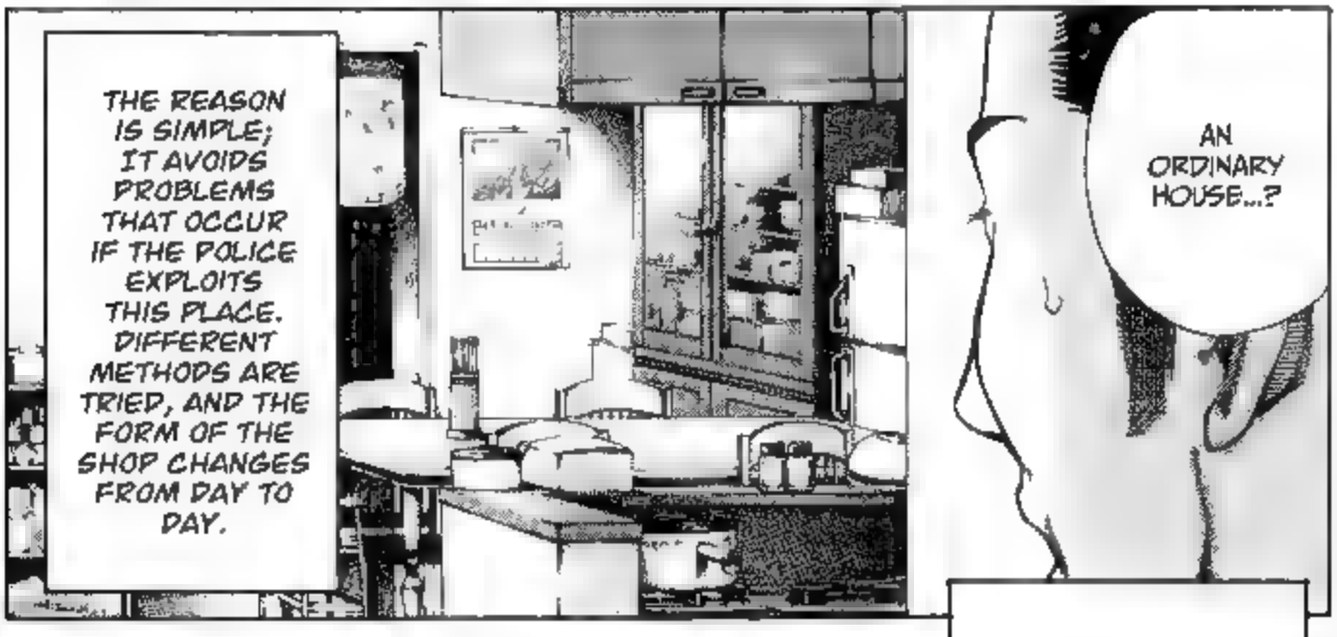

WEL-COME!
PLEASE, PLEASE COME IN
ENTER TAINING SHOP OWNER, HUH? WELL THIS GUY SEEMS A BIT ENTER-TAINING

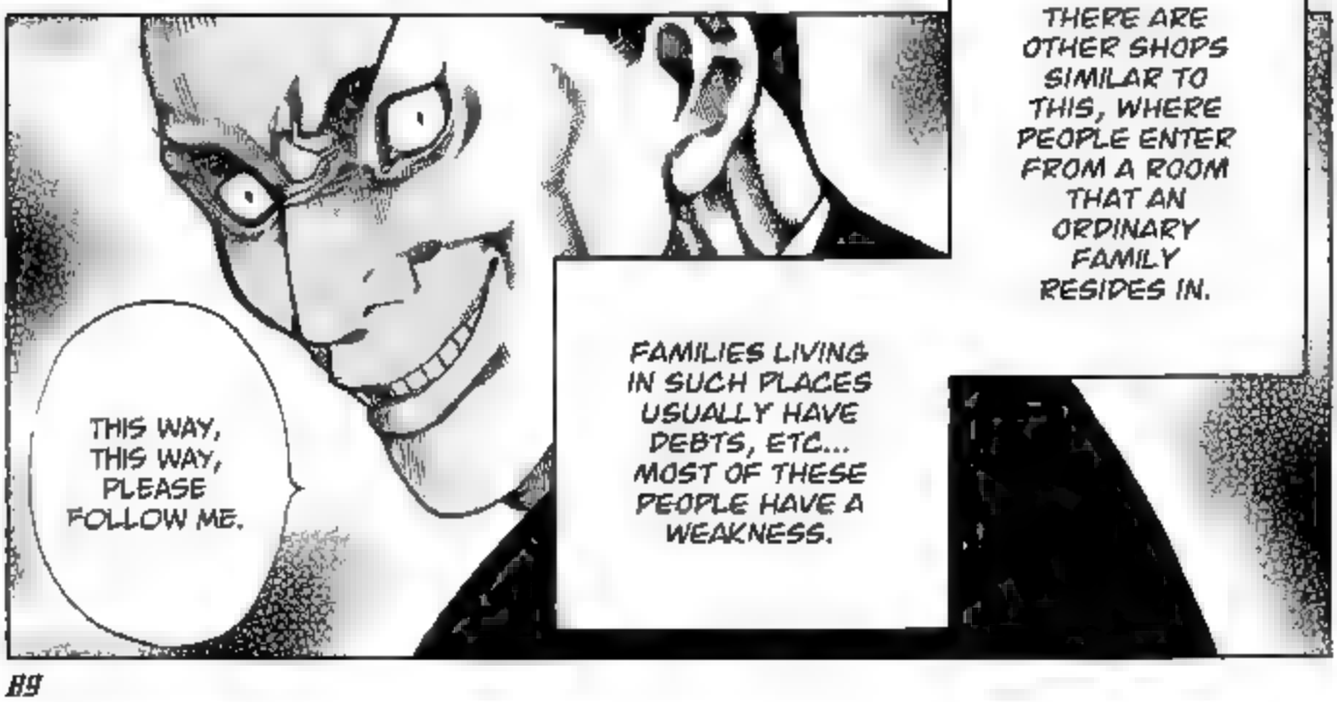

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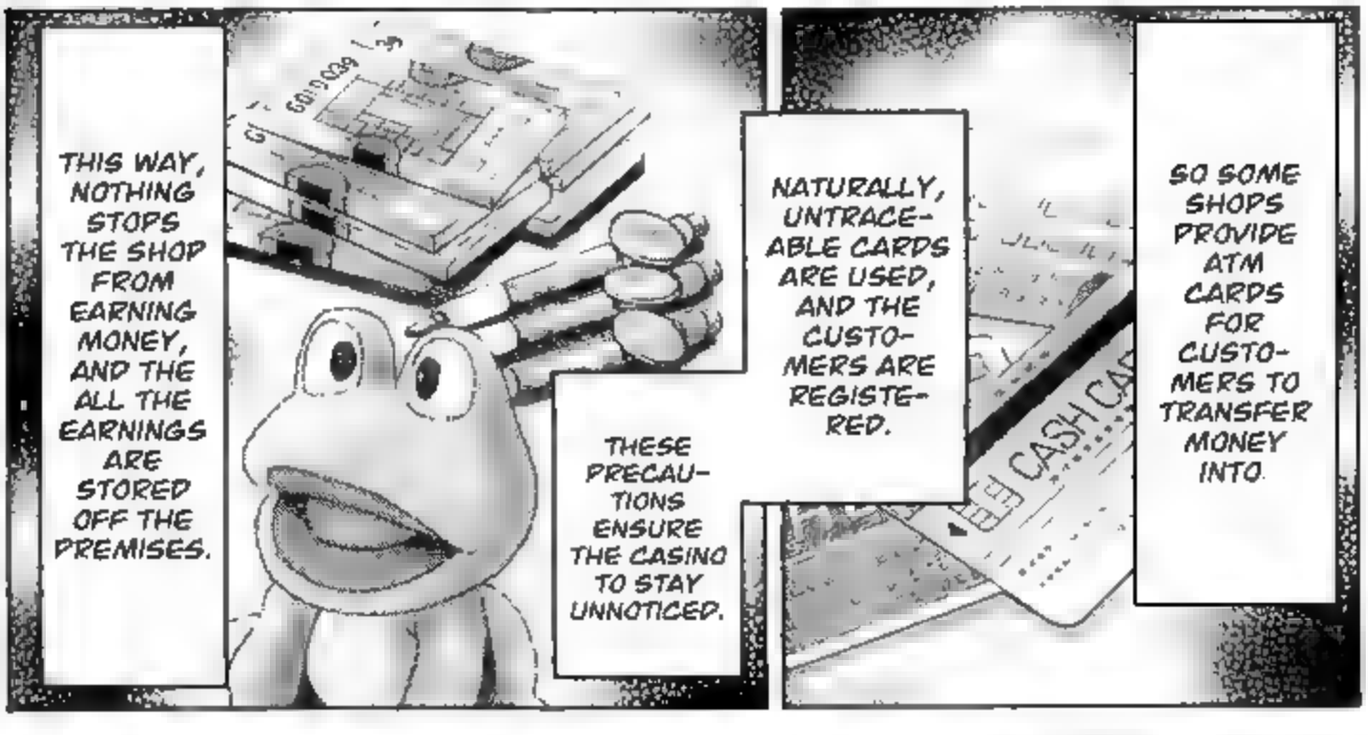

THE CASINO AT THAT FLAT...


THIS WAY PLEASE.
WHAT THE...
WHAT IS THAT?
UNLIKE OTHER CASINOS, WHERE A PROPER REGISTRATION PROCEDURE IS USUALLY FOLLOWED... THIS ONE SLIPS PAST THE COPS AND OPERATES QUIETLY...


THE REASON IS SIMPLE; IT AVOIDS PROBLEMS THAT OCCUR IF THE POLICE EXPLOITS THIS PLACE. DIFFERENT METHODS ARE TRIED, AND THE FORM OF THE SHOP CHANGES FROM DAY TO DAY.
AN ORDINARY HOUSE...?


THERE ARE OTHER SHOPS SIMILAR TO THIS, WHERE PEOPLE ENTER FROM A ROOM THAT AN ORDINARY FAMILY RESIDES IN.
FAMILIES LIVING IN SUCH PLACES USUALLY HAVE DEBTS, ETC... MOST OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE A WEAKNESS.
THIS WAY, THIS WAY, PLEASE FOLLOW ME.


CASINOS WHO WORK WITH CASH ARE ILLEGAL...
SUCH THINGS CAN BE SAID FOR ORDINARY CASINOS TOO, BUT THIS KIND OF PLACE ONLY WORKS ON CASH, RATHER THAN USING CHIPS.


THIS WAY, NOTHING STOPS THE SHOP FROM EARNING MONEY, AND THE ALL THE EARNINGS ARE STORED OFF THE PREMISES.
THESE PRECAU-TIONS ENSURE THE CASINO TO STAY UNNOTICED.
NATURALLY, UNTRACE-ABLE CARDS ARE USED, AND THE CUSTO-MERS ARE REGISTE-RED.
SO SOME SHOPS PROVIDE ATM CARDS FOR CUSTO-MERS TO TRANSFER MONEY INTO.
CASH CA


SO?


...BE PLAYING?
WHAT WILL, OUR HONORABLE GUESTS...


HMM


EHM... WHERE ARE THE OTHER CUSTOMERS ?
BESIDES US AND THE GAME WE WILL PLAY ..


I THOUGHT THAT YOU GUYS MIGHT BE BORED, SO I DECIDED TO BE YOUR OPPONENT.
SORRY TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT IT'S JUST YOU GUYS RIGHT NOW.

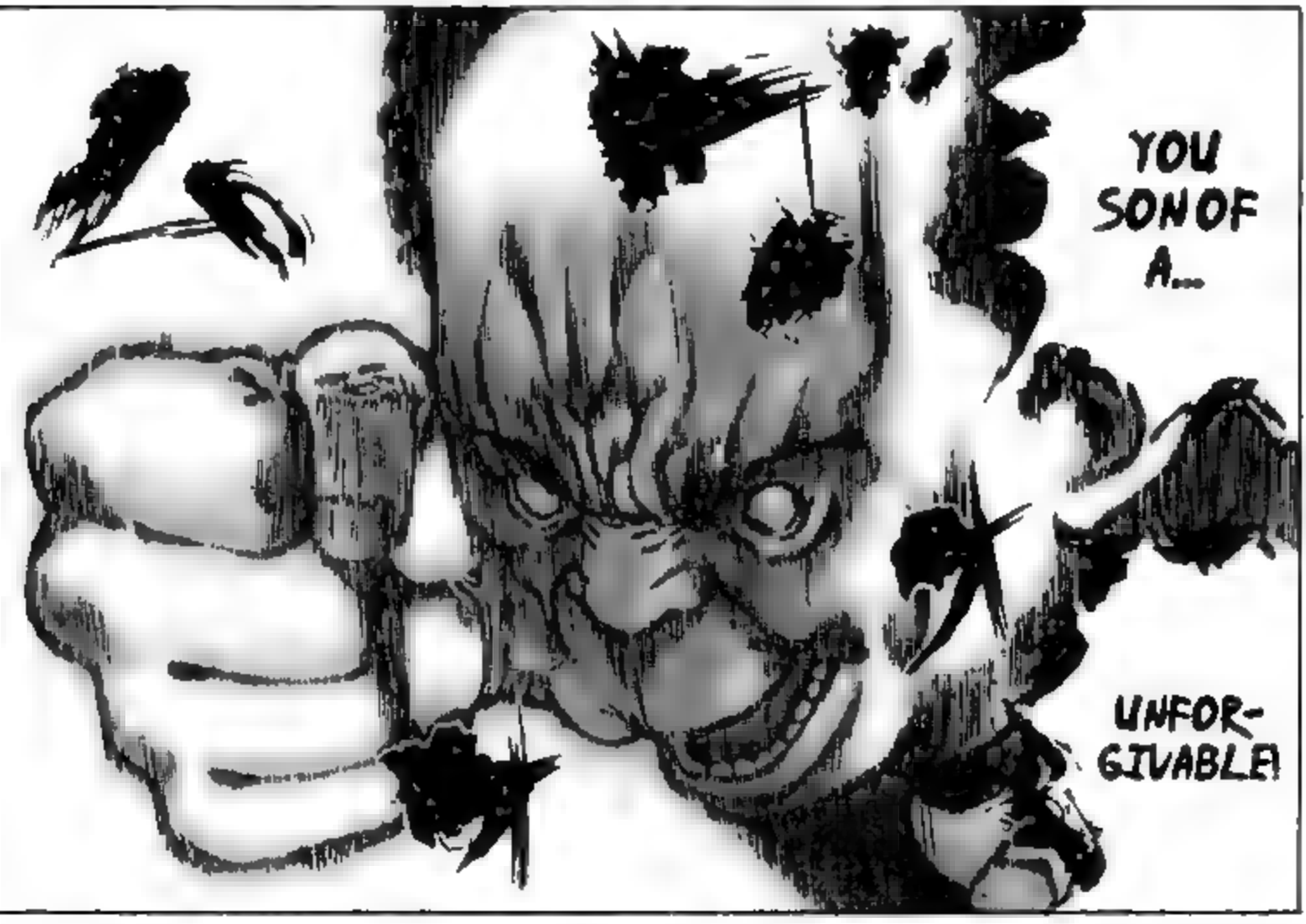

IT'S A BOTHER NOT BECAUSE HE'S AN AMATEUR.. BUT BECAUSE I JUST WANNA RIP OFF ALL HIS MONEY
AH, PLEASE DON'T WORRY. I'M PRETTY BAD AT GAMBLING. I'M JUST KILLING TIME, SO HOW 'BOUT YOU THINK OF IT AS KILLING TIME?


T...T... THIS MAN...
S-SOMEHOW... IT SMELLS LIKE DANGER.
AH...
H...HIS E-EAR WAS...
BITTEN BY... A RAT...
M...MARCO! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
And how do you know it was a rat?

**1 'N Ando is a male-specific way of saying "my brother." (Also used by Filipino members.)




WELL, WHATEVER... THIS WAY WILL BE EASIER I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE PROPERLY SERVING YOU CUSTOMERS ANYWAY...
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING? MAGOROKU!! THEY'RE CUSTOMERS, YOU KNOW.


YOU SON OF A...
UNFOR-GIVABLE!




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HEY, STOP IT.
LIKE HE'S GONNA STOP...
OH?




W-WHAT THE??
BEFORE YOU'RE KICKED
KICK!
IS_WHAT B-BAKU ONII-CHAN SAID.
WHO THE HELL ARE THESE GUYS...?
WHA-? WHA-! WHAT THE FUCK?!




CHAPTER 26: I BET!

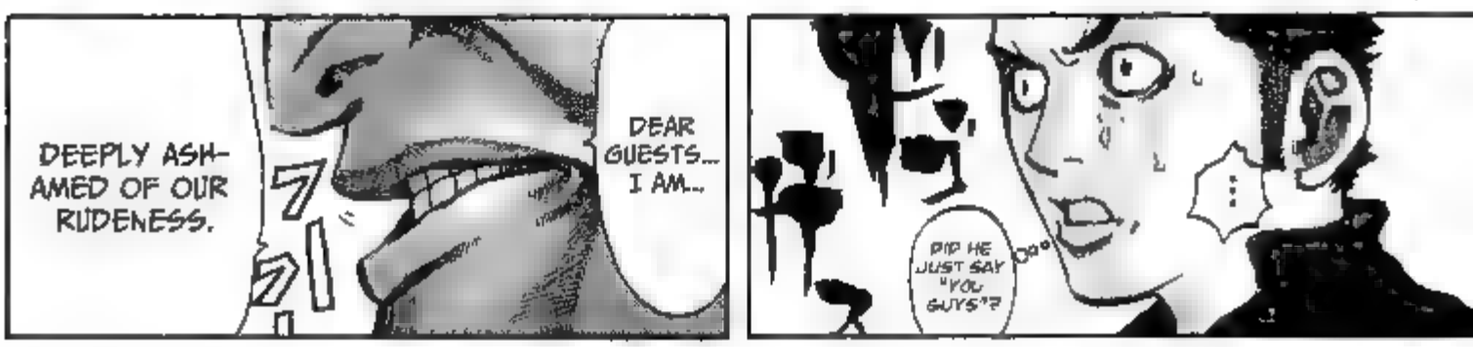









WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU DOING?
I TOLD YA TO STOP, BUT YA PUT YOUR DIRTY HANDS ON THE CUSTOMERS.


DEEPLY ASHAMED OF OUR RUDENESS.
DEAR GUESTS... I AM...
DID HE JUST SAY "YOU GUYS"?


PLEASE, DON'T JUST LEAVE THINGS LIKE THIS. IF YOU LEAVE, I CAN'T CALL MYSELF A MAN. I REALLY CAN'T LET YOU LEAVE! NOT UNTIL YOU ENJOY YOURSELVES TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!
PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME AND HAVE FUN TO THE FULLEST...
PLEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES AND LET US SERVE YOU.
HE WAS DEFINITELY A YAKUZA BEFORE
YAKUZA



# CHAPTER 26: I BET!


WE'RE GOING, MARCO.
OH MY... YOU REALLY ARE LEAVING...?
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS? YAKUZA CASINO?!
I CAN'T GAMBLE IN SUCH AN ATMO-SPHERE.
T... THIS ISN'T A JOKE!
I ASK THAT YOU LEAVE THAT BAG BEHIND AS COMPENSATION FOR THIS GUY.
IN THAT CASE... I'LL TRY ANOTHER APPROACH...
I'M HOLDING BACK MY COERCIVE ACTS BECAUSE THAT ONII-CHAN IS HERE...
IT'S AL-RIGHT, IF YOU STILL DON'T LIKE IT...
WHA...?
I CAN LEARN MANY THINGS IF I SEARCH A LITTLE.
AND I'VE SEEN YOU AROUND AT OTHER CAS-INOS TOO...
BUT YOU'RE A SOCIAL OUTCAST WHO CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO GAMBLE.
JUST BE PRE-PARED FOR ANYTHING, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO LEAVE.
YOU CAN'T MAKE ANY MONEY IF YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT A LITTLE ACCIDENT, RIGHT?


IT'S SAD TO USE THIS VIOLENT CLICHE.
AND FOR US, EVERYTHING BEGINS FROM HERE. WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND YOU.
MY INTUITION SEEMS TO BE ON THE SPOT
YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU'RE OUT ALONE.


HM...
HE'S JUST BLUFFING I KNOW IT'S AN ORDINARY THREAT WE SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE GETTING INTO REAL TROUBLE BUT.
I HAVE MARCO ON MY SIDE AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE I CAN MEDDLE IN MODESTLY


THERE'S A SMELL OF MONEY COMING FROM THAT BAG..


AND SOMETHING'S WRONG. SOMETHING'S WRONG ABOUT THESE GUYS


ALRIGHT.
LET'S GAMBLE.
I CAME HERE TO GAMBLE AFTER ALL.
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I WILL WIN AND WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY BAKU-SAN!
JUST LIKE BAKU-SAN I WILL . BE-COME JUST LIKE BAKU-SAN

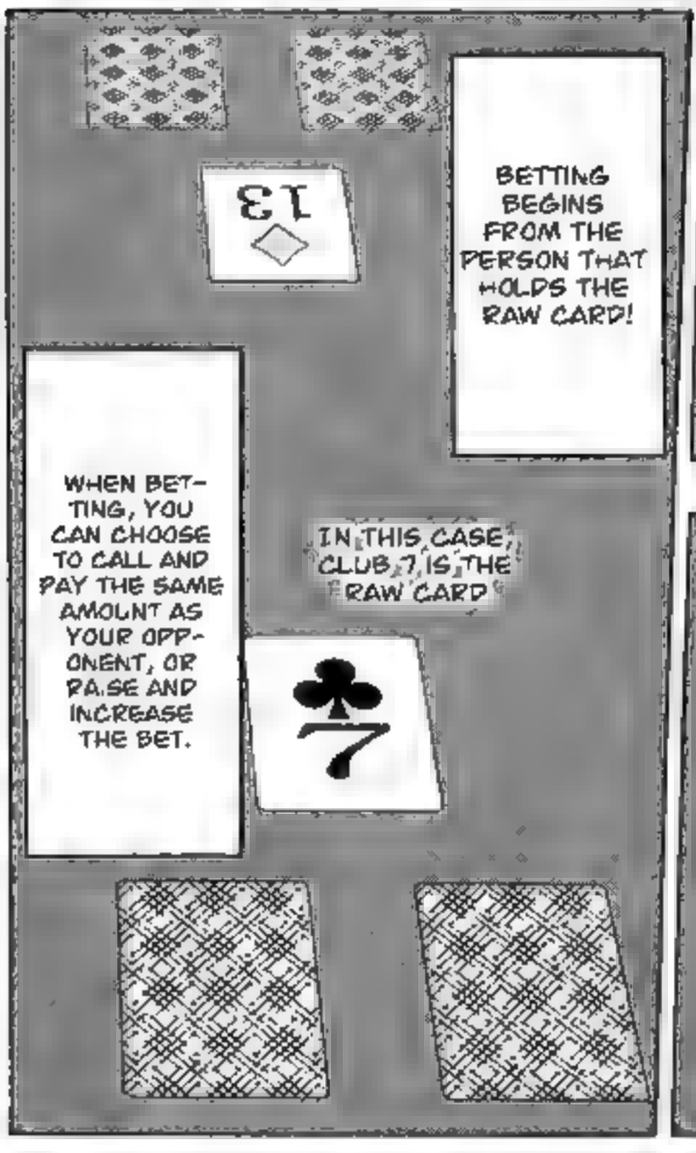

NO... DAMMIT... IT'S NOT RIGHT TO RUN AWAY ..
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN, IT'S JUST WRONG! CHANCES ARE 50-50 IF I RUN NOW BUT I COULD NEVER CALL MYSELF A MAN!

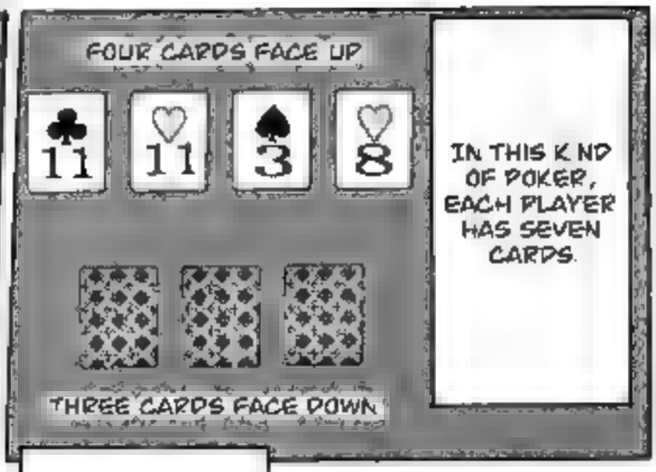

SO!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY?
I SEE...
HOW BRAVE OF YOU.
.....
I'D PREFER PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE... GAMES FOCJSING ON STRATEGIES ARE FINE BY ME.
SOME GAMES ARE BASED ON ONLY LUCK...
I WANT TO AVOID THOSE TYPES.
WE'LL PLAY SEVEN-CARD POKER!!
HURRY AND PREPARE THE SHOOTER AND CARDS!
WON'T THE OUT COME STILL BE THE SAME?
I SEE... THERE'S A PERFECT MATCH FOR THAT.
HEY, HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA SLEEP?




# SEVEN-CARD POKER
## (SEVEN CARD STUD)

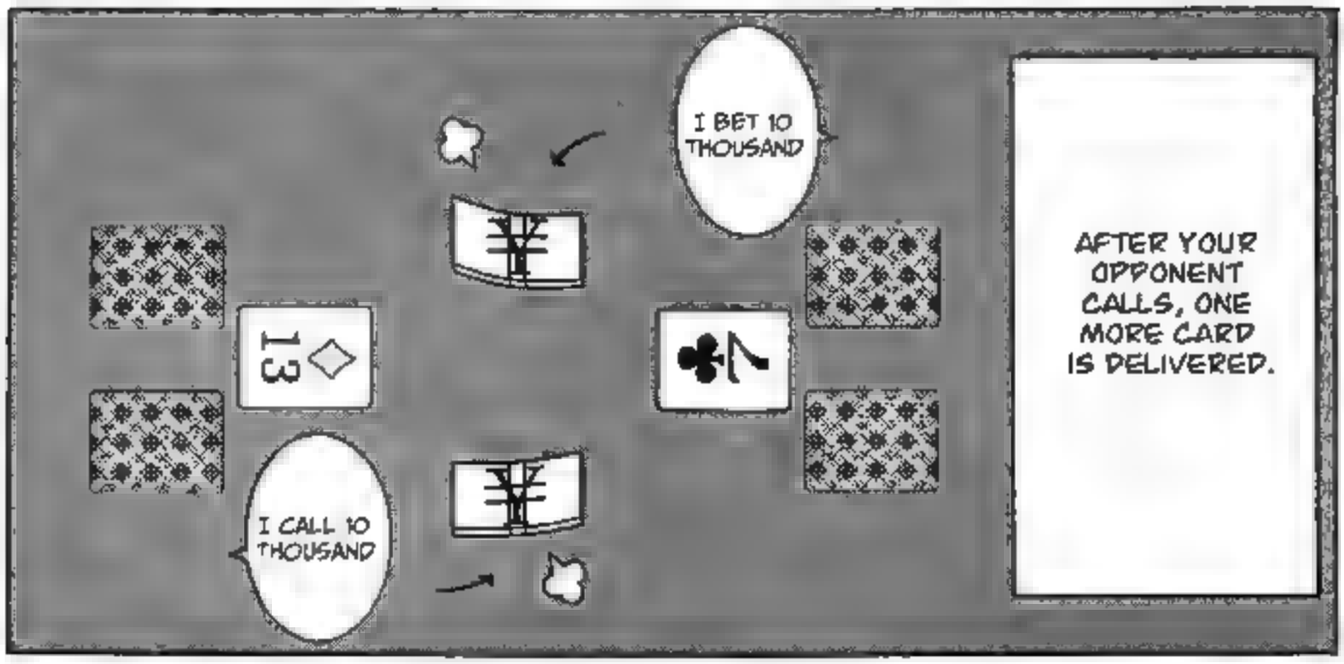
THE RAW CARD IS CALLED THE ONE WITH THE LOWEST NUMBER.

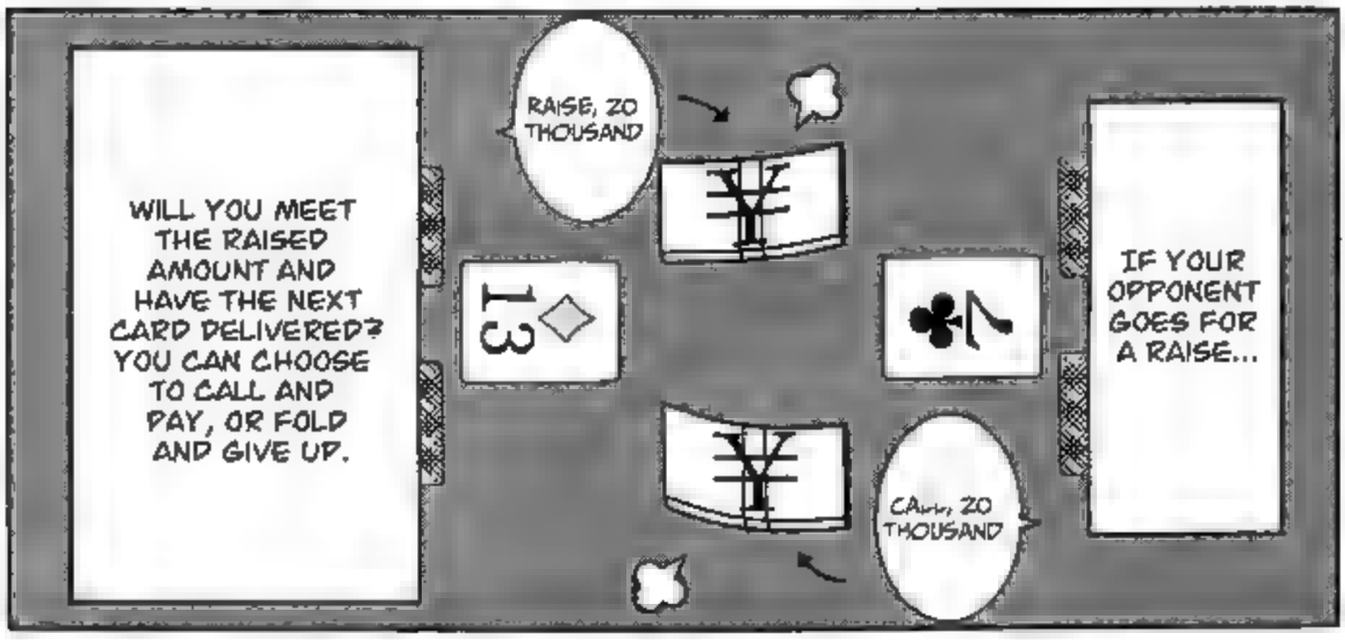

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BETTING BEGINS FROM THE PERSON THAT HOLDS THE RAW CARD!
WHEN BETTING, YOU CAN CHOOSE TO CALL AND PAY THE SAME AMOUNT AS YOUR OPPONENT, OR RAISE AND INCREASE THE BET.
IN THIS CASE, CLUB 7 IS THE RAW CARD
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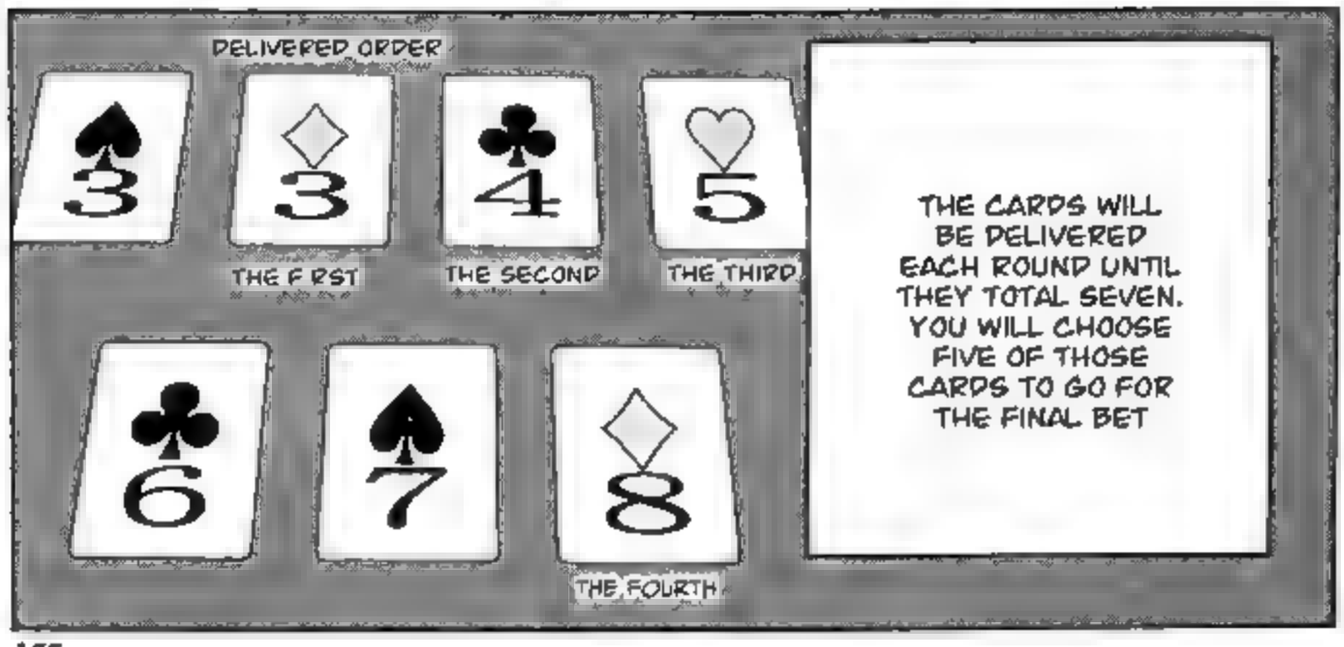


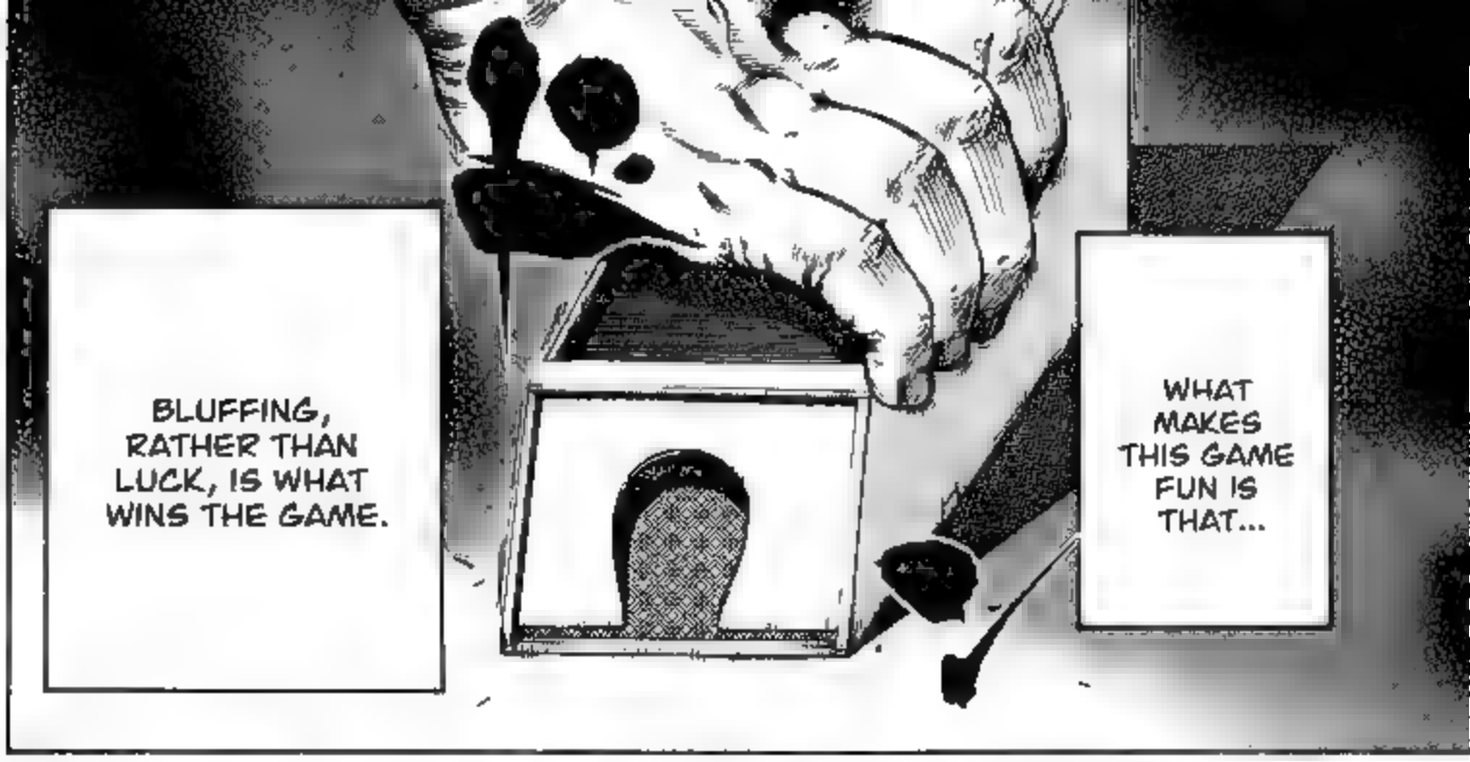


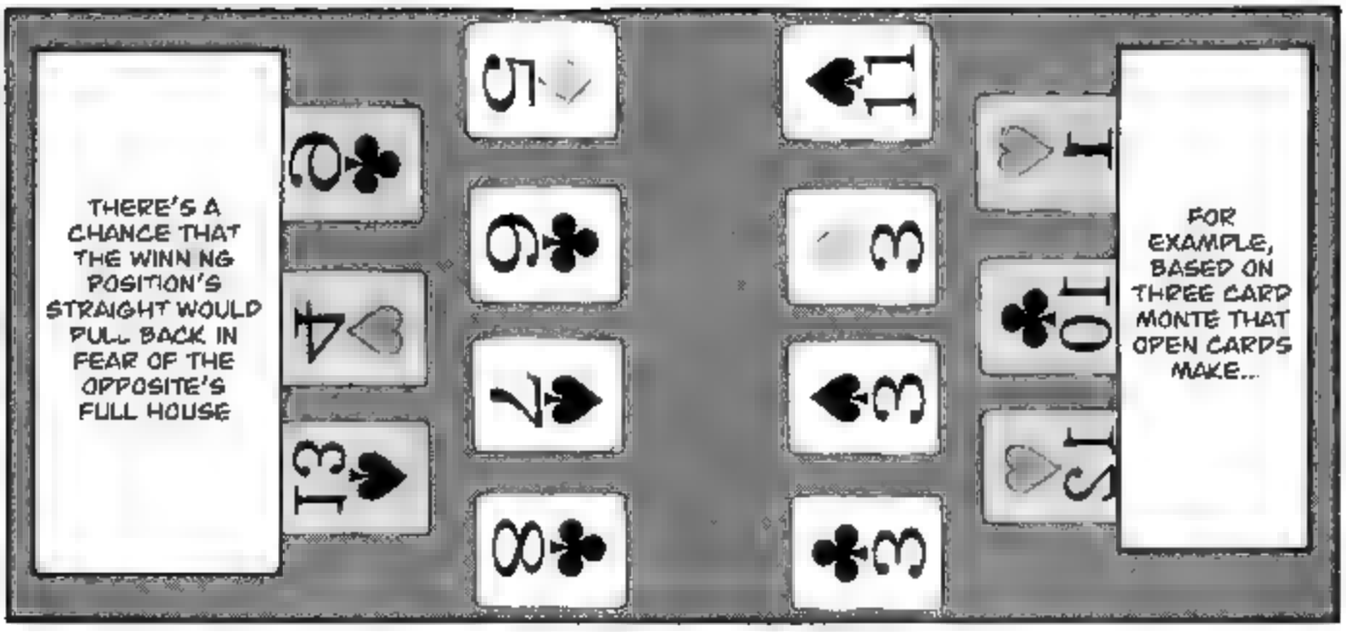
ONCE YOU PLACE YOUR BET, ONE CARD IS REVEALED THE TOTAL OF THE THREE CARDS ARE DELIVERED.
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ONLY YOU CAN SEE YOUR COVERED CARDS.

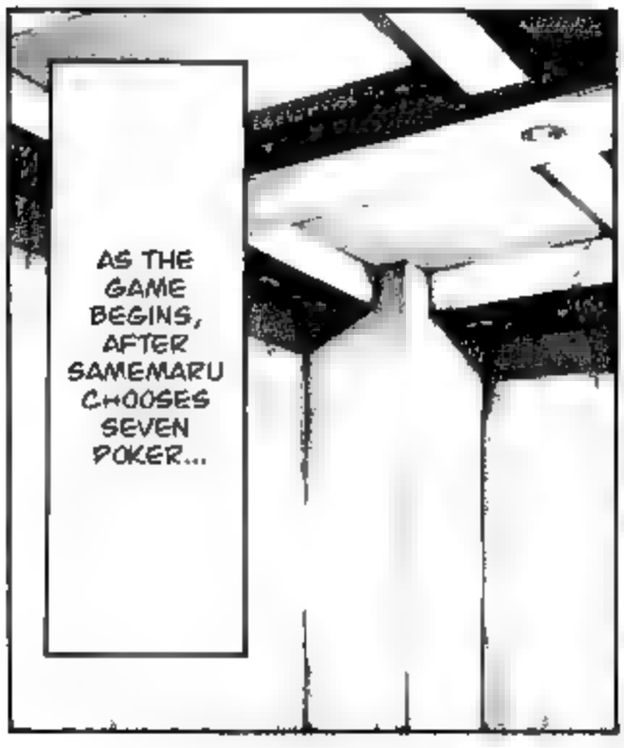

I BET 10 THOUSAND
AFTER YOUR OPPONENT CALLS, ONE MORE CARD IS DELIVERED.
I CALL 10 THOUSAND


WILL YOU MEET THE RAISED AMOUNT AND HAVE THE NEXT CARD DELIVERED? YOU CAN CHOOSE TO CALL AND PAY, OR FOLD AND GIVE UP.
RAISE, 20 THOUSAND
IF YOUR OPPONENT GOES FOR A RAISE...
CALL, 20 THOUSAND


DELIVERED ORDER
THE FIRST
THE SECOND
THE THIRD
THE FOURTH
THE CARDS WILL BE DELIVERED EACH ROUND UNTIL THEY TOTAL SEVEN. YOU WILL CHOOSE FIVE OF THOSE CARDS TO GO FOR THE FINAL BET


BLUFFING, RATHER THAN LUCK, IS WHAT WINS THE GAME.
WHAT MAKES THIS GAME FUN IS THAT...


THERE'S A CHANCE THAT THE WINN NG POSITION'S STRAIGHT WOULD PULL BACK IN FEAR OF THE OPPOSITE'S FULL HOUSE
FOR EXAMPLE, BASED ON THREE CARD MONTE THAT OPEN CARDS MAKE...

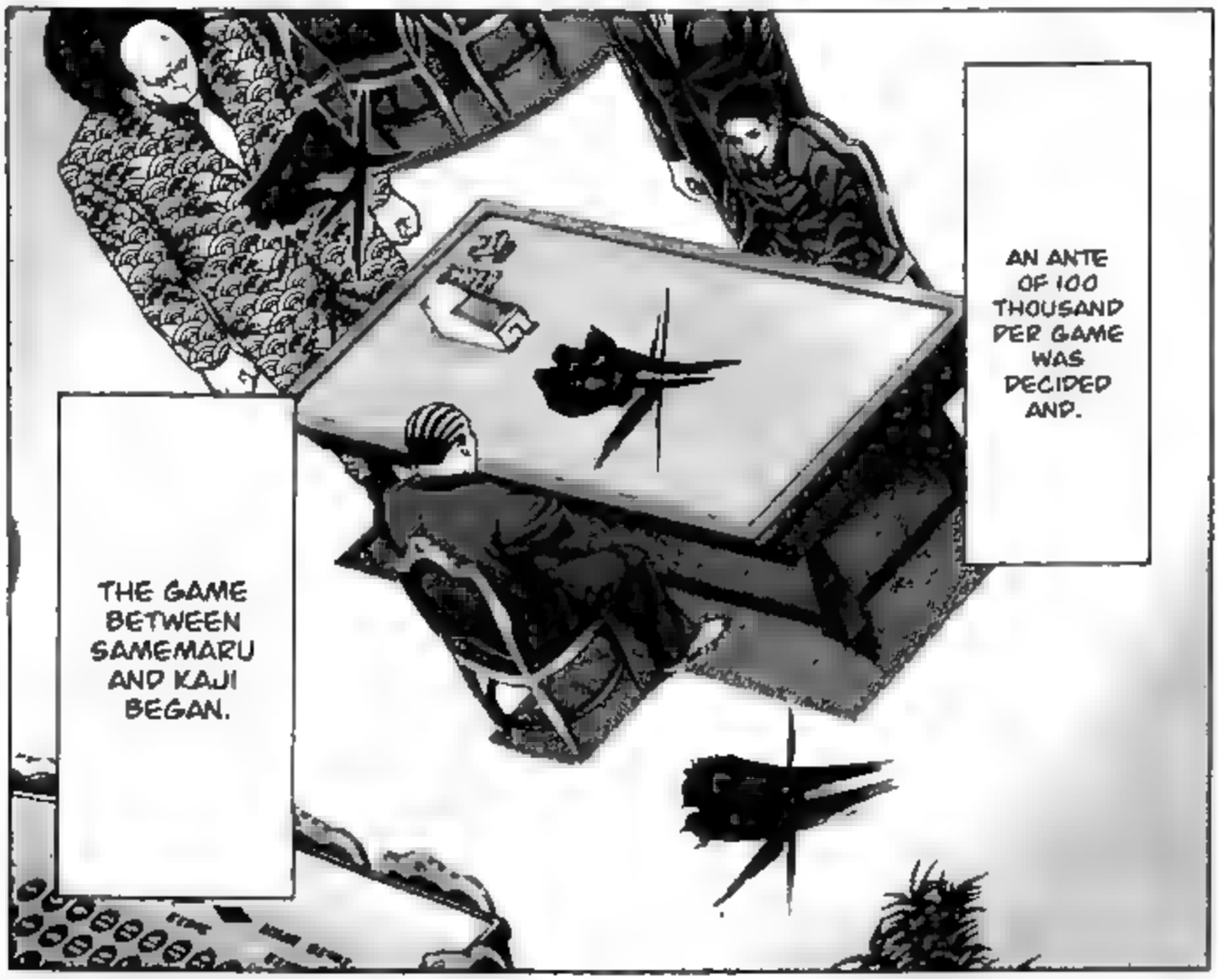

AS THE GAME BEGINS, AFTER SAMEMARU CHOOSES SEVEN POKER...

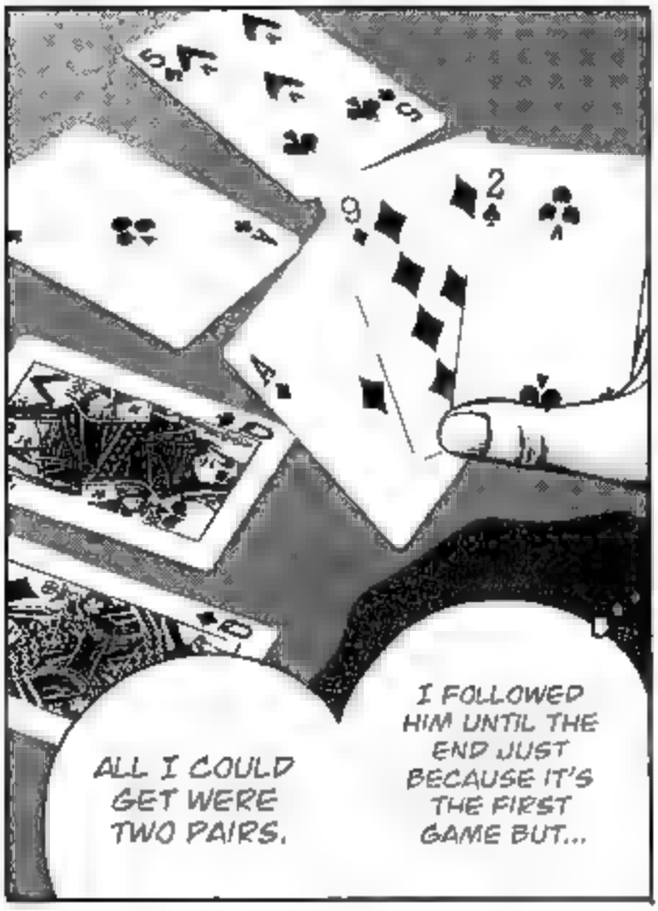

AND THE INSIGHT TO READ THE OPPONENT'S STATUS.
THE ESSENCE IS BRAVERY WITHOUT ANY FEAR, OR ANY REGARD FOR BLUFFS...
IT IS EXTREME... YOU CAN ONLY WIN IF YOU HAVE THOSE TWO PROPERTIES


KAJI REQUESTS...
TO CHECK THE CARDS.


BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE TO CHECK EVEN IF I WANTED TO.

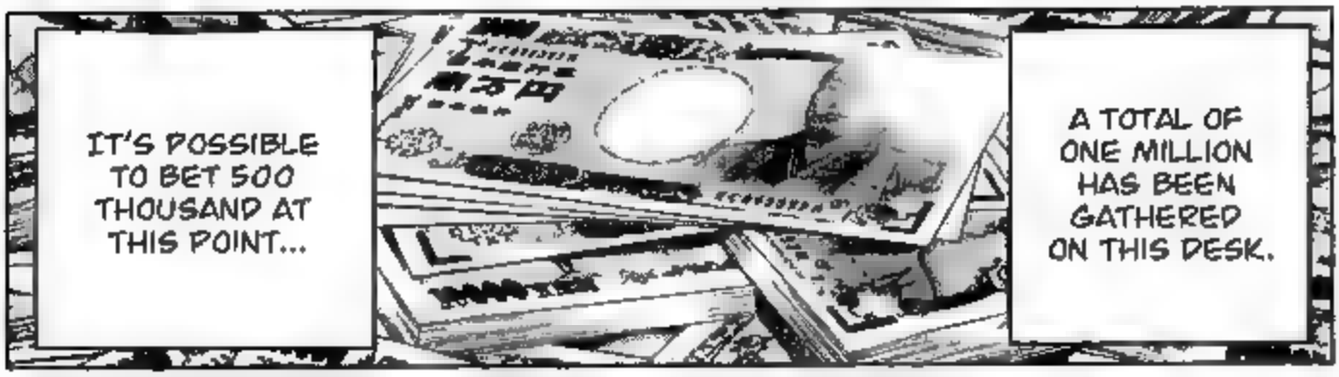

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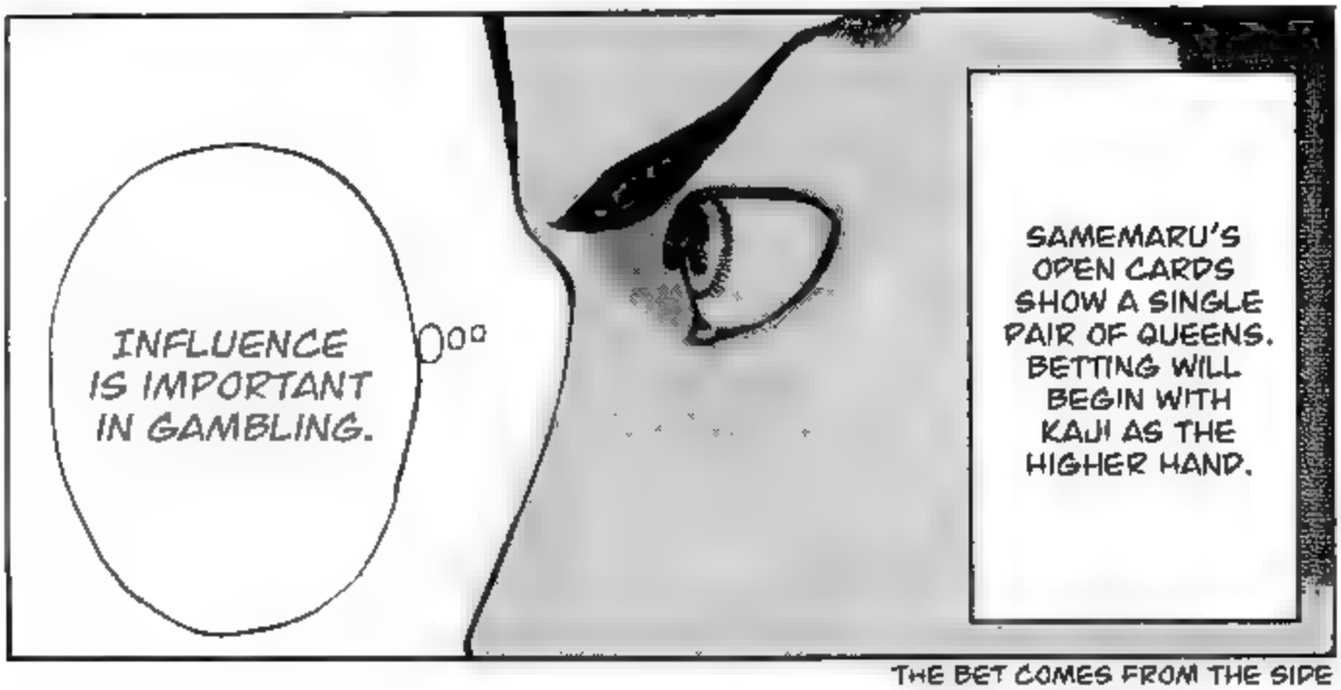

AN ANTE OF 100 THOUSAND PER GAME WAS DECIDED AND.
THE GAME BETWEEN SAMEMARU AND KAJI BEGAN.











INFLUENCE IS IMPORTANT IN GAMBLING.
SAMEMARU'S OPEN CARDS SHOW A SINGLE PAIR OF QUEENS. BETTING WILL BEGIN WITH KAJI AS THE HIGHER HAND.

THE BET COMES FROM THE SIDE WITH THE HIGHEST HAND.


IT WILL BE ALRIGHT IF I USE THIS MUCH.
THE BET IS HIGH.... BUT SINCE THIS GAMBLE WILL NOT BE SKY-ROCKETING...
I WANT TO BE THE FIRST WINNER AND HAVE THE INFLUENCE FOR THE TIME BEING.
I BET 500 THOUSAND.
THE OPPONENT'S OPEN CARDS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIAL
EVEN IF HE HAS TWO PAIRS, HE SHOULD BE HESI-TATING TO CALL 500 THOUSAND UNDER THESE CIRUMSTANCES
...
MY OPEN CARDS SHOW THAT I ALREADY HAVE ONE PAIR HE SHOULD WITHDRAW IF HE HAS LESS THAN THAT
BUT...
NOW I'M IN TROUBLE! I CAN'T BE OFFENSIVE FROM THE START.
I'M GOING FOR THIS ONE. IT'S A CALL.
I WILL BE THE DOMINANT ONE WITH TWO PAIRS IN THE FIRST GAME.
I'LL GET THE FIRST CONTROL OF THE FLOW
HAVING TWO PAIRS IN THE FIRST GAME IS A GOOD PERFORMANCE




AFTER HIS CALL, THE STAKE IN PLACE WAS 2 MILLION. SO, HALF OF THAT SUM IS THE UPPER LIMIT OF 1 MILLION.



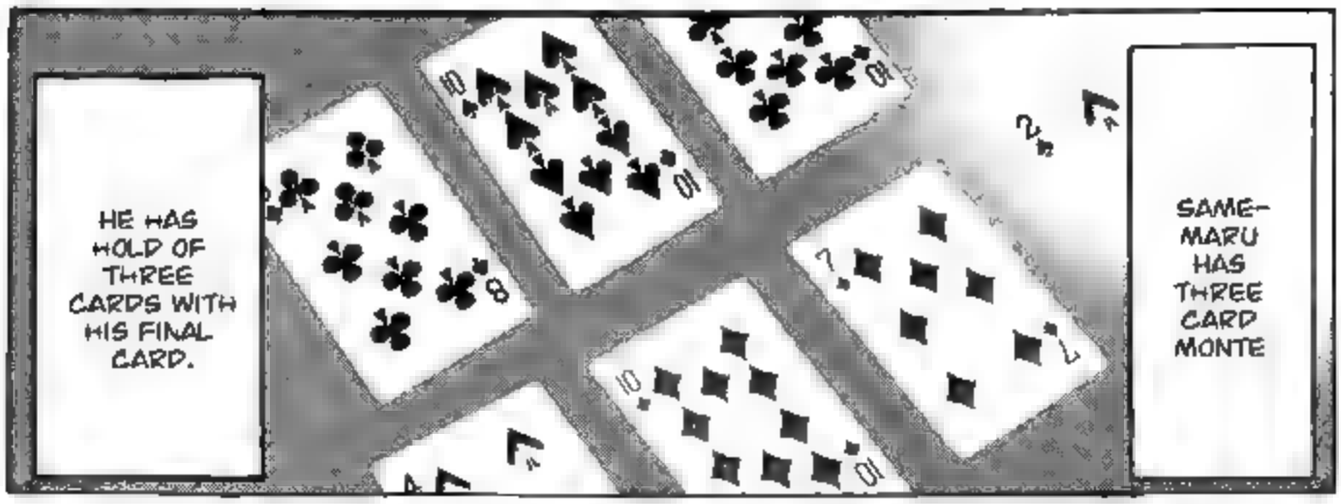


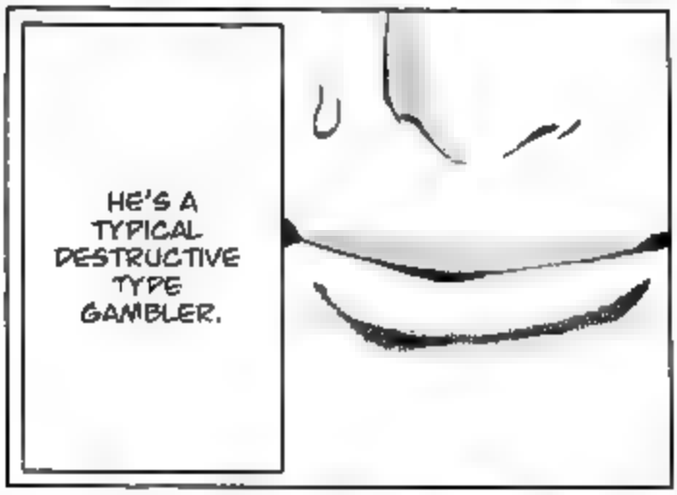






DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE OTHER SIDE ALSO WANTS TO OWN THE FIRST GAME?
EVEN IF IT'S TWO PAIRS, LIKE MINE.. IT SHOULD BE THE HIGHEST HAND. HONESTLY, ONE MILLION IS A STRONG BET.
BUT STILL... I WONDER IF HE ALSO HAS TWO PAIRS. IF I ASSUME SO, I HOLD A PAIR OF ACES AND A PAIR OF QUEENS.


HE HAS HOLD OF THREE CARDS WITH HIS FINAL CARD.
SAME-MARU HAS THREE CARD MONTE


HE'S A TYPICAL DESTRUCTIVE TYPE GAMBLER.


I SEE! I LOST THIS ROUND, BUT IT IS GOOD AS IT IS
HE FORMED A THREE CARD MONTE... IT'S MY LOSS.

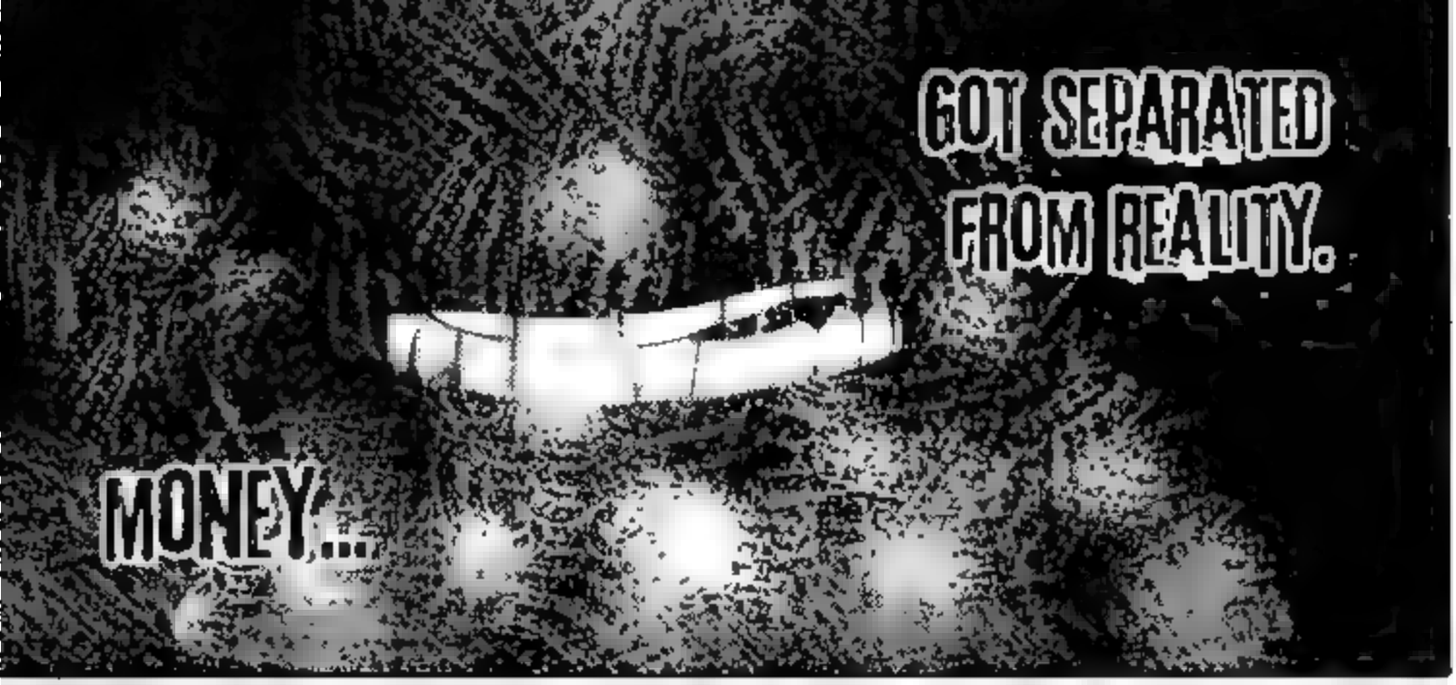

I'VE LOST ONCE BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER I MADE THE RIGHT DECISION.
IF I HAD WITHDRAWN I COULD HAVE SAVED ONE MILLION BUT COULDN'T HAVE LEARNED ANYTHING.
IF HE WITH-DRAWS, ALL THE MONEY HE PUT AT STAKE WILL GO TO WASTE.
THE REASON,"I WANT TO SEE THE OPPONENT'S HAND', IS BOTH AN EX-PECTED DESIRE, AND THE BASIC VIEWPOINT IN A GAMBLE AT THE SAME TIME.
AFTER THAT, KAJI WAS CONVINCED THAT HE COULD WIN HE PUT OUT HIS MONEY TO SEE HIS OPPONENT'S CARDS WITHOUT TAKING A PART IN THE GAME.. AS A RESULT ..


I STILL HAVE MONEY! THE FLOW... I'LL DEFINITELY GRASP HIS STYLE
HE GRADUALLY CAME TO FOLLOW THE SIMPLE IDEA THAT "I'D BETTER WIN THE NEXT ROUND". THE DAMN PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE WAS NO LONGER THERE.


I'M IN.


WITHOUT QUESTIONING HIS LOSSES...
HE KEPT WASTING MONEY AND...


I'M IN.


GOT SEPARATED FROM REALITY.
MONEY...


HIS FACE SAYS THAT HE'S PARALYZED BY MONEY WHILE EMBRACING HIS FEARS.
THE SEVEN ZEROS MELTED DOWN TO NOTHING AND HE COULD NO LONGER STAY THERE.
HE HAS SEEN LARGE SUMS OF MONEY SINCE THE DAY HE MET BAKU...
BUT AMOUNTS LIKE A HUNDRED THOUSAND OR ONE MILLION, HE HAS NEVER SEEN BEFORE.


CAN HE...
COULD THIS BRAT HAVE...
BUT I'M SURPRISED.
HE HAD 30 MILLION AT HAND...
KEH KEH... HE'S THE DESTRUCTIVE TYPE...
WHAT'S WRONG. NII-CHAN?
RUN OUT OF CASH?
D.D YOU...

Q あなたはリオなしですか？


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THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER OWNED MONEY.

100 YEN...

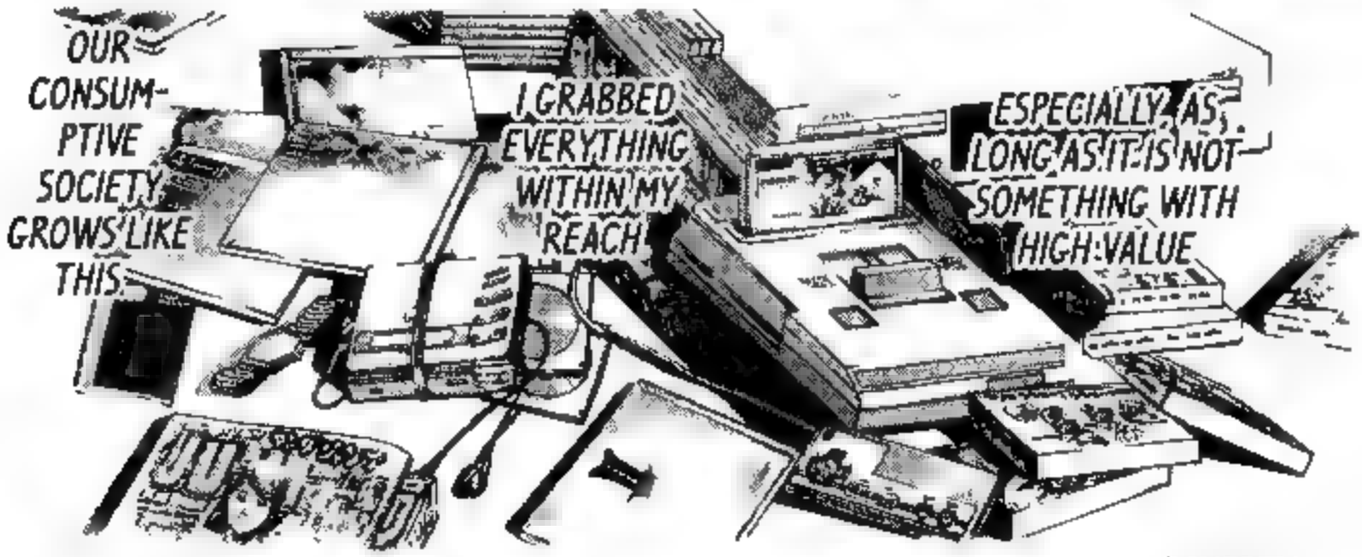
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HUMAN VALUES

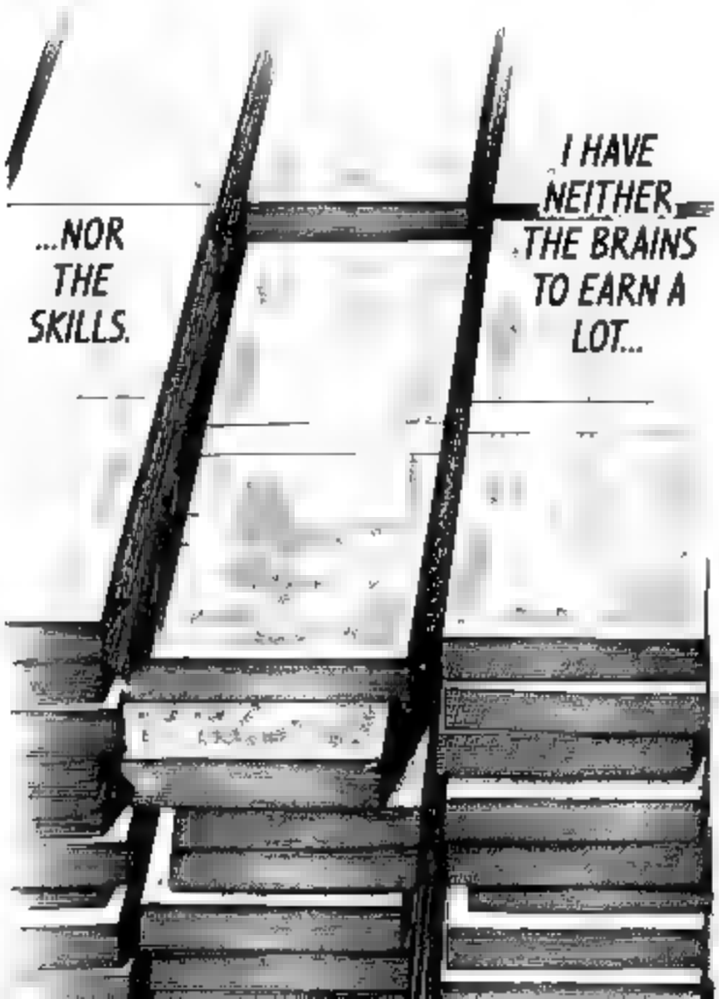
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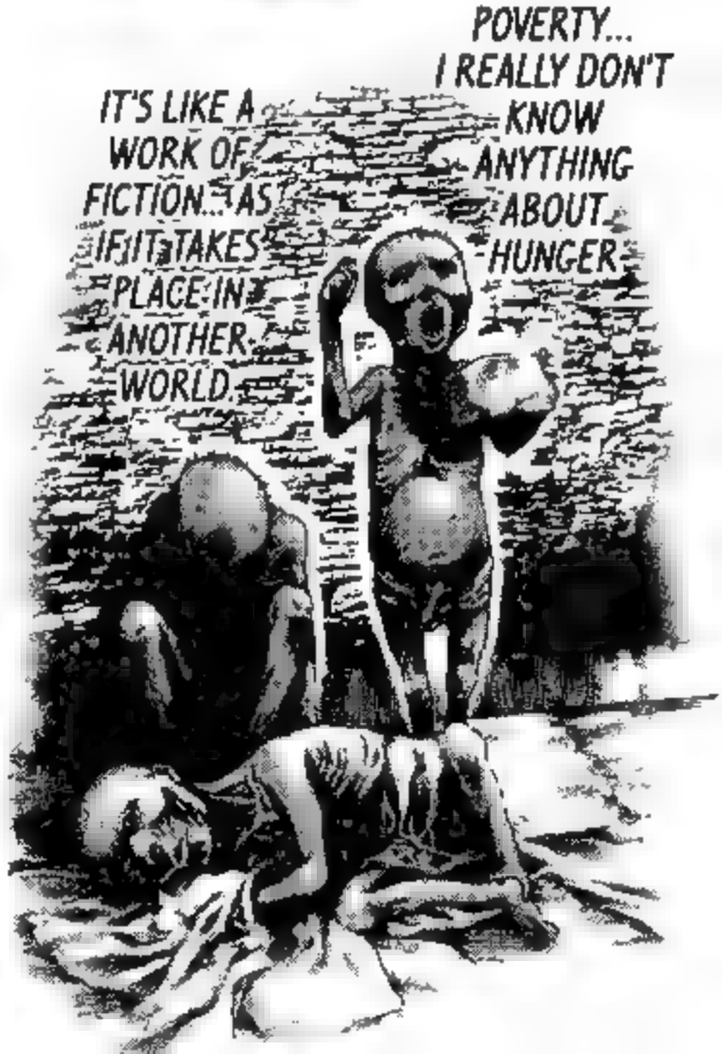
IT WAS AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT FOR ME.



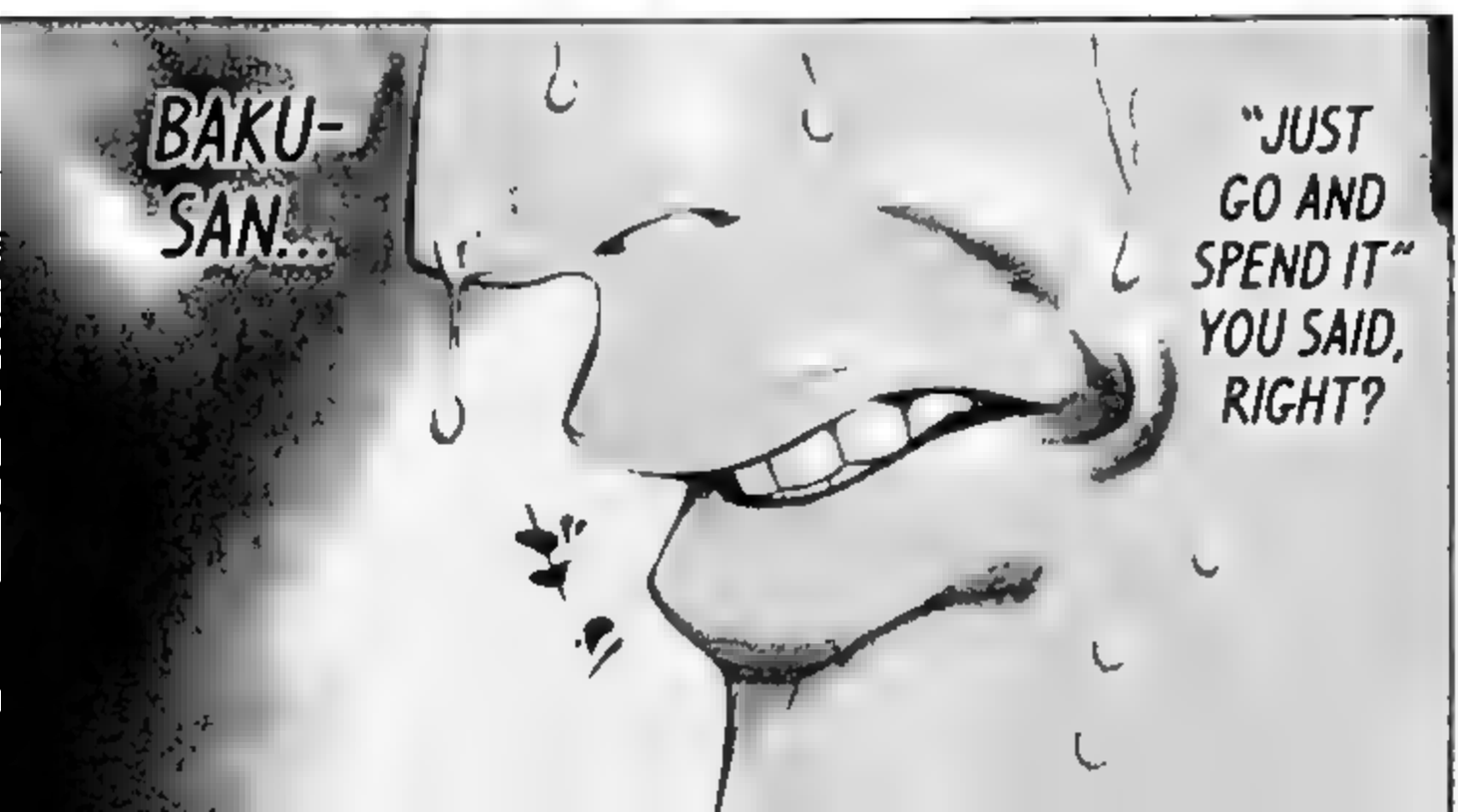

I CHANGED INTO A PERSON WHO HIDES HIS BANK NOTES IN HIS POCKET.
AND SOMEDAY, AS IF IT WAS JUST NATURAL,


OUR CONSUM-PTIVE SOCIETY GROWS LIKE THIS.
I GRABBED EVERYTHING WITHIN MY REACH
ESPECIALLY AS, LONG AS IT IS NOT SOMETHING WITH HIGH VALUE


...NOR THE SKILLS.
I HAVE NEITHER THE BRAINS TO EARN A LOT...


POVERTY... I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HUNGER
IT'S LIKE A WORK OF FICTION... AS IF IT TAKES PLACE IN ANOTHER WORLD.


BUT I WAS WASTING MONEY... THROWING IT OUT THE WINDOW WAS SO EASILY.
AN ADULT JUST WASTED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY DURING THE BLINK OF AN EYE, WHICH WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR NEXT 10 YEARS OF HIS LIFE.
THE PENNILESS KID WHO DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A 100 YEN BACK THEN, JUST WASTED A LOT.


BAKU-SAN...
"JUST GO AND SPEND IT" YOU SAID, RIGHT?


I LOST, BUT THAT'S FINE BY ME.
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE VOLUME OF MONEY...
TO BE HONEST, ONE MILLION IS A STEEP BET, BUT...
IT WAS EASY TO TELL EVEN BEFORE THE GAMBLE STARTED...


LOSING LOTS OF MONEY WAS...
NOTHING UNUSUAL...


I WAS JUST COPYING...
HIS MOVES

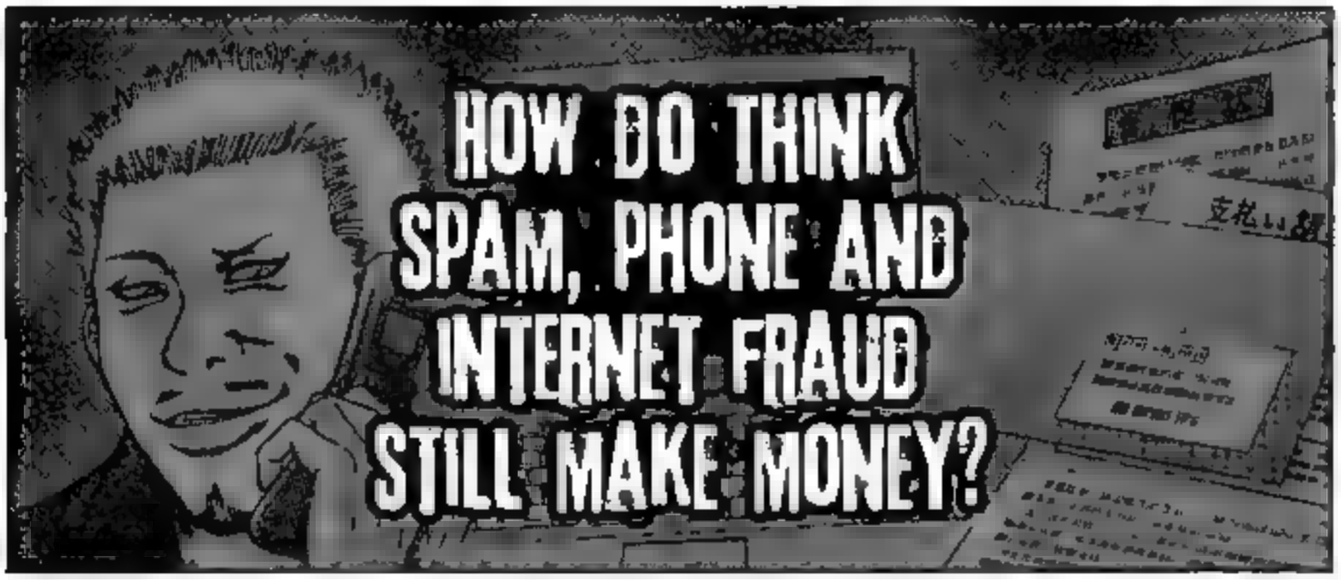

I DIDN'T STRUGGLE FOR VICTORY...
I WAS MISLEAD ALL ALONG...


IF THERE WEREN'T ANY WUSSES AROUND...
LIKE YOU.

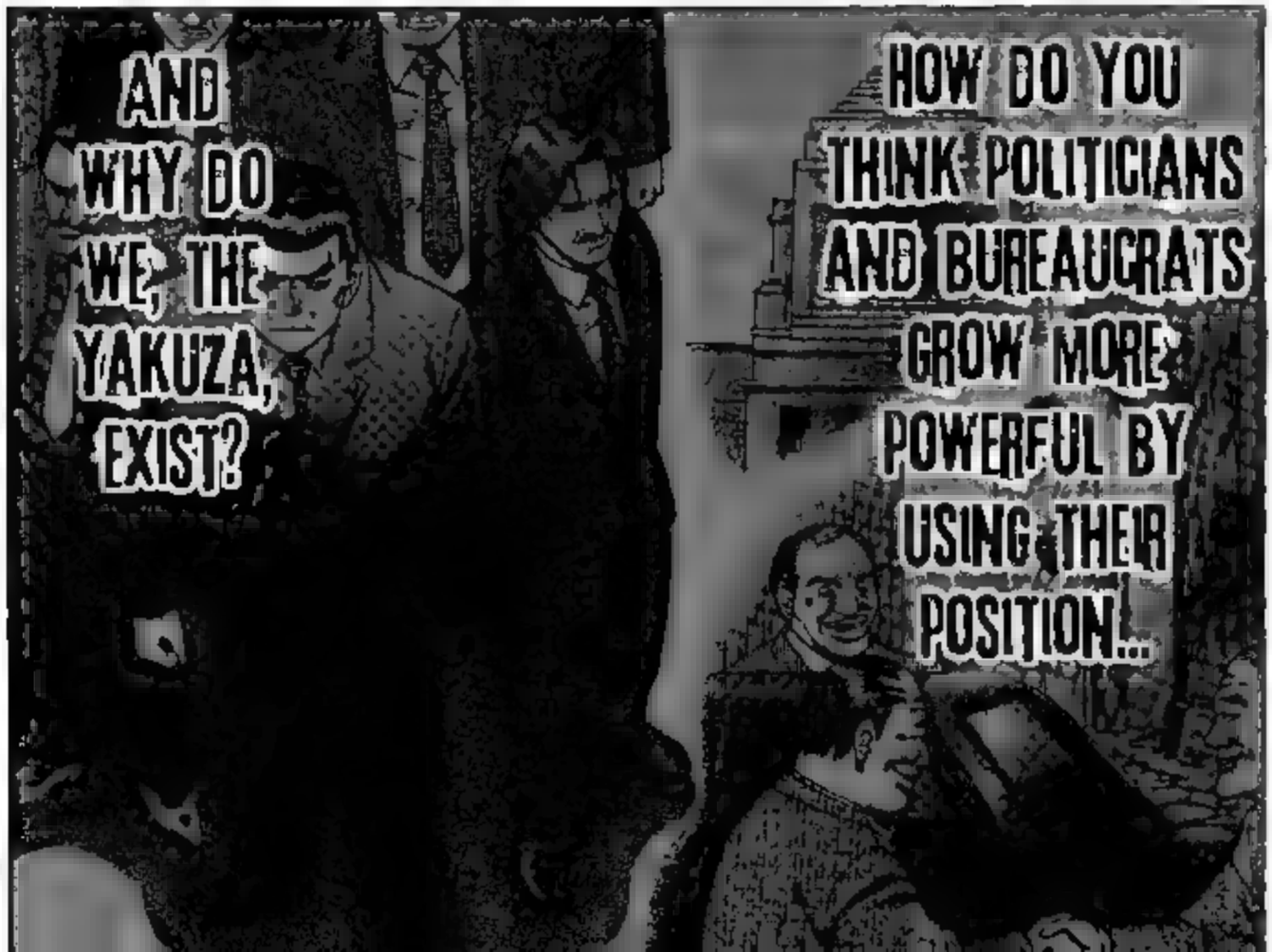

WE'D BE IN BIG TROU-BLE...


HEH HEHEHE


THANK YOU, THANK YOU
THANKS FOR HANDING OVER THAT EASY CASH, MATE!


HOW DO THINK SPAM, PHONE AND INTERNET FRAUD STILL MAKE MONEY?

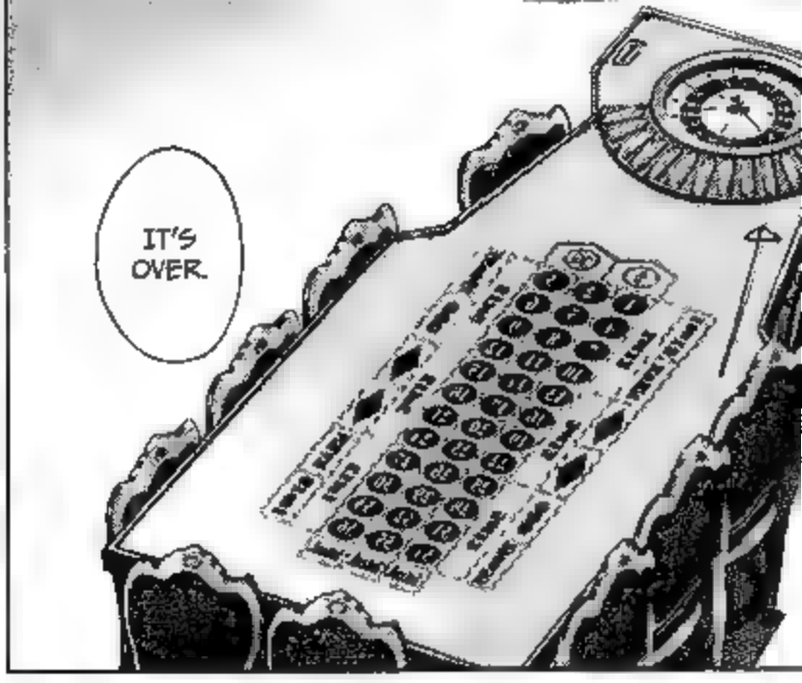

BECAUSE THEY'RE FOOLS, JUST LIKE YOU.
PEOPLE ARE TRICKED...


AND WHY DO WE, THE YAKUZA, EXIST?
HOW DO YOU THINK POLITICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS GROW MORE POWERFUL BY USING THEIR POSITION...


WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THEM.
FOOLS
IT'S BECAUSE THIS WORLD IS FULL OF...


IN WHICH WE CAN FEAST ON AND GROW STRONGER!
THEY ARE OUR PREY.


HEY.
YOU CAN GET LOST NOW, RIGHT? ONII-CHAN?


IT'S OVER.


RIGHT NOW, I DON'T HAVE MORE THAN THIS!!
I GUARANTEE YOU THAT I WILL PAY YOU BACK IF I LOSE!!
BUT IT CAN'T END LIKE THIS.


THIS IS ALL I HAVE...
AND I'M PERFECTLY AWARE THAT THESE DON'T COVER UP FOR THE WHOLE BET...


AH-AH... THAT GUY MIGHT BE TROUBLE...
Ooo
HMPH.... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I'D SUGGEST YOU GET LOST IF YOU'RE BROKE.
CALM DOWN AND THINK THIS THROUGH.


I CAN'T DO THAT!
HOW COULD I SAY "OKAY, I WENT AND LOST IT ALL"!
I'M BEGGING YOU!


I CAN'T EVEN MEDDLE... ALL I CAN DO IS GO WILD AND ESCAPE... NO NO, IT'S JUST NOT POSSIBLE.
AND YOU HAVE THAT STRONG ONII-CHAN OVER THERE...
ALSO, DO YOU KNOW ANY PLACE THAT'D TRUST ANYBODY THAT SAYS: "I'LL PAY LATER" WITHOUT INSURANCE?


DO YOU KNOW WHAT... KAKEROU IS?


YOUR NAME IS... SAMERMARU-SAN, RIGHT?


DID THAT BASTARD JUST SAY KAKEROU? IS HE DAY-DREAMING?
IF PEOPLE LIKE YOU BELONG TO THE KAKEROU, THEN I'M AN ALMIGHTY GOD!


HUH?
WHY?


.....
GOOD LORD... THIS IS QUITE...
...A LARGE PLACE.
IS THIS BRAT A KAKEROU MEMBER?! T...THIS IS RIDICULOUS, THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF A JOKE.
IS THIS THE... KAKE...ROU? THE REAL ONE?! T...THIS BRAT...
W...
WHAT THE, WHAT THE...
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?


KAKEROU REFEREE Nº1, NOWAMI TOSHI! IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
ANYWAY, I AM...


THIS... IS BAD NEWS... IS HE THE REAL DEAL?!
R... REFE- REE?!


I AM WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT EXCEEDS WHAT I CURRENTLY HAVE WITH ME.
N... NOWA- SAN...
I WANT YOU TO OBSERVE THIS GAME.

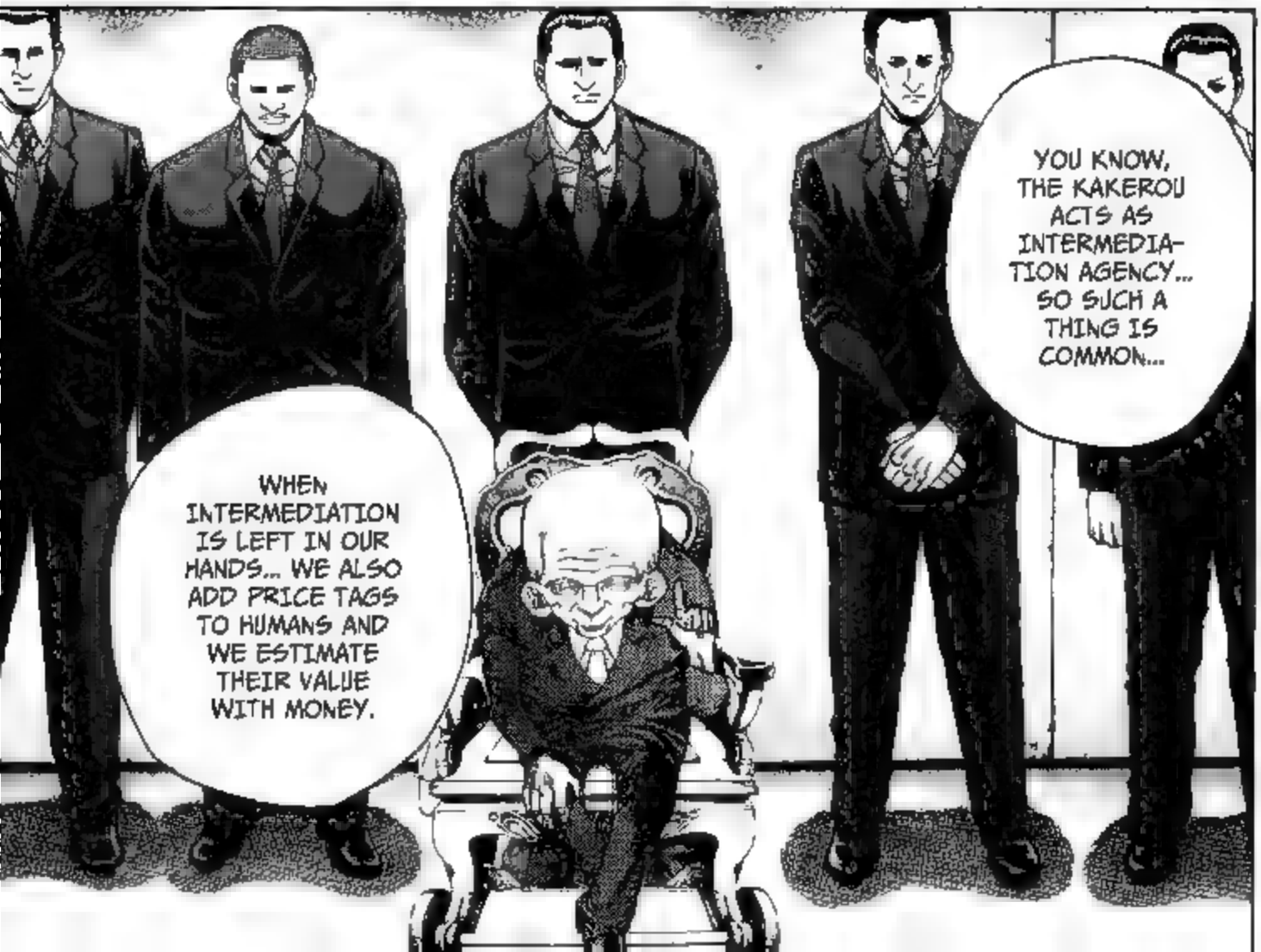

I CAN'T JUST GO BACK LIKE THIS!
AND I WILL PAY BACK EVERY SINGLE YEN THAT I MIGHT LOSE.


IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE BY ANY MEANS, GO AHEAD AND BET ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP! THEN I MIGHT RECONSIDER!
I DON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO KEEP ON GAMB-LING...
H...HEY, HEY WAIT A SECOND THERE, DON'T CARRY THIS TOPIC FURTHER ON YOUR OWN!

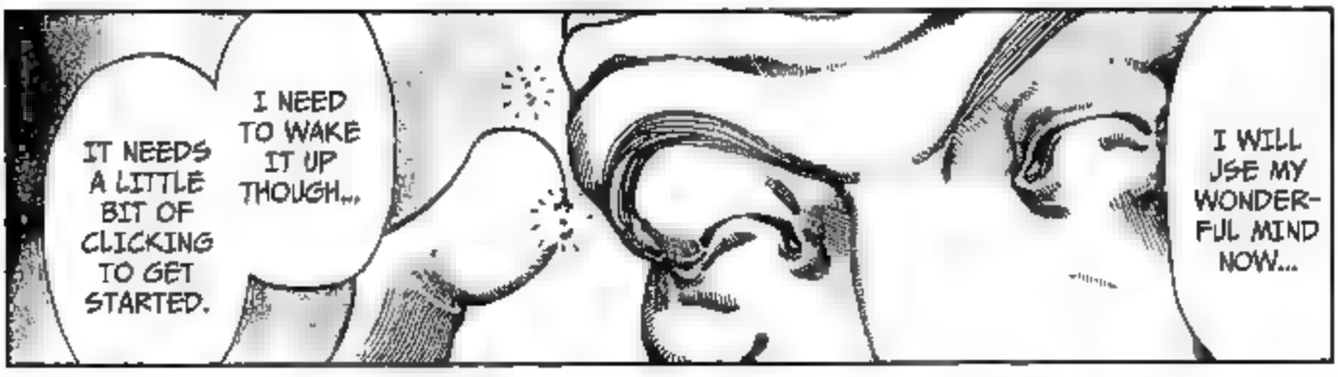

THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!
IMPOSSIBLE.


BECAUSE NEITHER YOU OR YOUR PERSONALITY IS WORTHY TO BECOME ONE OF OUR MEMBERS.
YOU MAY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME A MEMBER BUT THAT IS NOT ENOUGH!
ALTHOUGH... IT WILL BE ANOTHER STORY IF OUR MEMBER KAJI APPROVES...


I'M NOT WORTHY?
WHAT?


WHEN INTERMEDIATION IS LEFT IN OUR HANDS... WE ALSO ADD PRICE TAGS TO HUMANS AND WE ESTIMATE THEIR VALUE WITH MONEY.
YOU KNOW, THE KAKEROU ACTS AS INTERMEDIA-TION AGENCY... SO SUCH A THING IS COMMON...


I DECIDE ON THE WORTH OF THAT HUMAN ITSELF. I AM JUDGING A PERSON.
HOW MUCH THAT PERSON WILL EARN IN THE FUTURE OR HOW MUCH HE CARRIES WITH HIM IS IRRELEVANT.


IT NEEDS A LITTLE BIT OF CLICKING TO GET STARTED.
I NEED TO WAKE IT UP THOUGH...
I WILL USE MY WONDERFUL MIND NOW...


Blink
SHUJEI BUILDING MANAGER,
NIKAIDOU SAMEMARU...




IT'S COMING TO ME!
OH OH...




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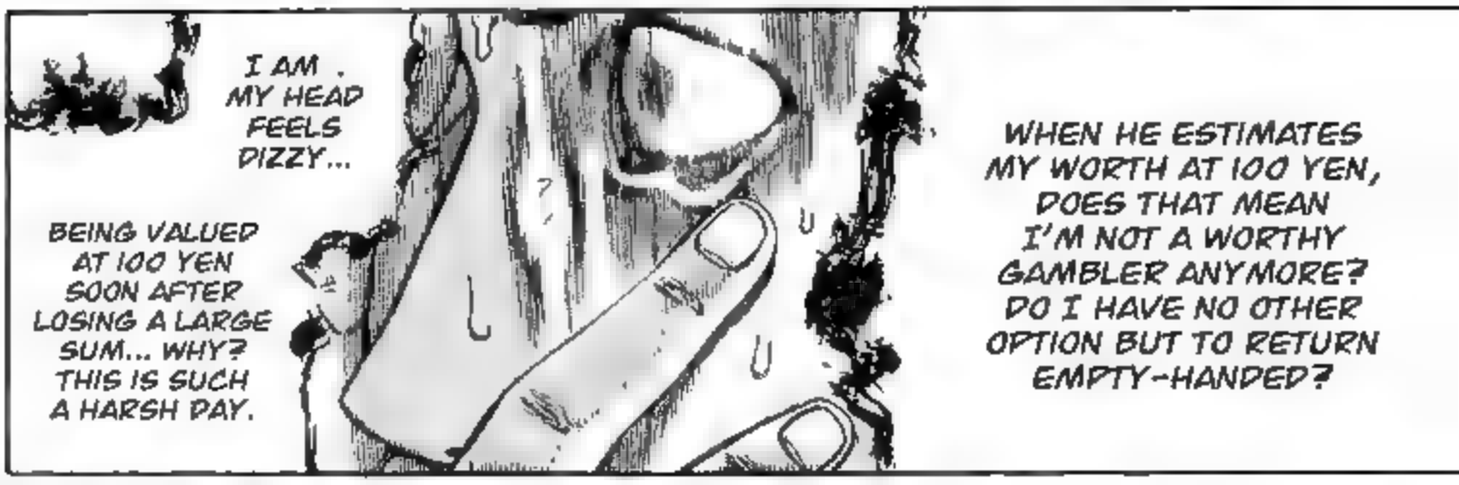

*100 YEN IS AROUND ONE DOLLAR


M...
MY...
100
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ADVICE FROM AN EXEMPLARY MIND
善意のアドバイス

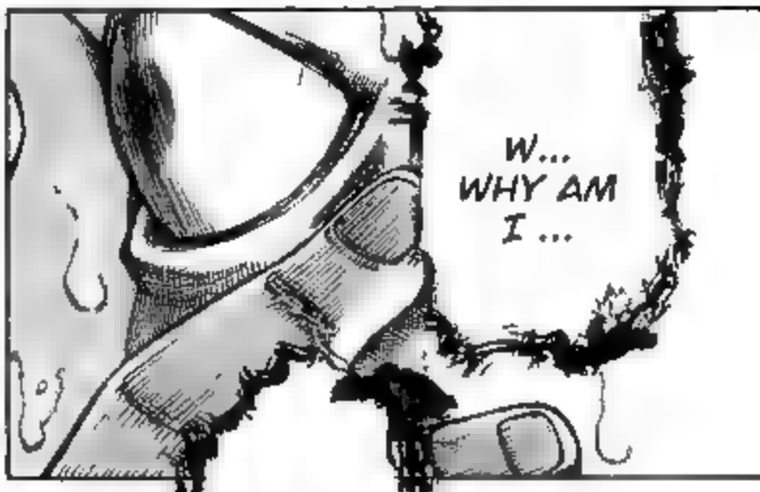
WORTH IS...


100
YEN?


THIS MUST BE A CRUEL JOKE.
WHAT?
100 YEN?


I AM . MY HEAD FEELS DIZZY...
BEING VALUED AT 100 YEN SOON AFTER LOSING A LARGE SUM... WHY? THIS IS SUCH A HARSH DAY.
WHEN HE ESTIMATES MY WORTH AT 100 YEN, DOES THAT MEAN I'M NOT A WORTHY GAMBLER ANYMORE? DO I HAVE NO OTHER OPTION BUT TO RETURN EMPTY-HANDED?

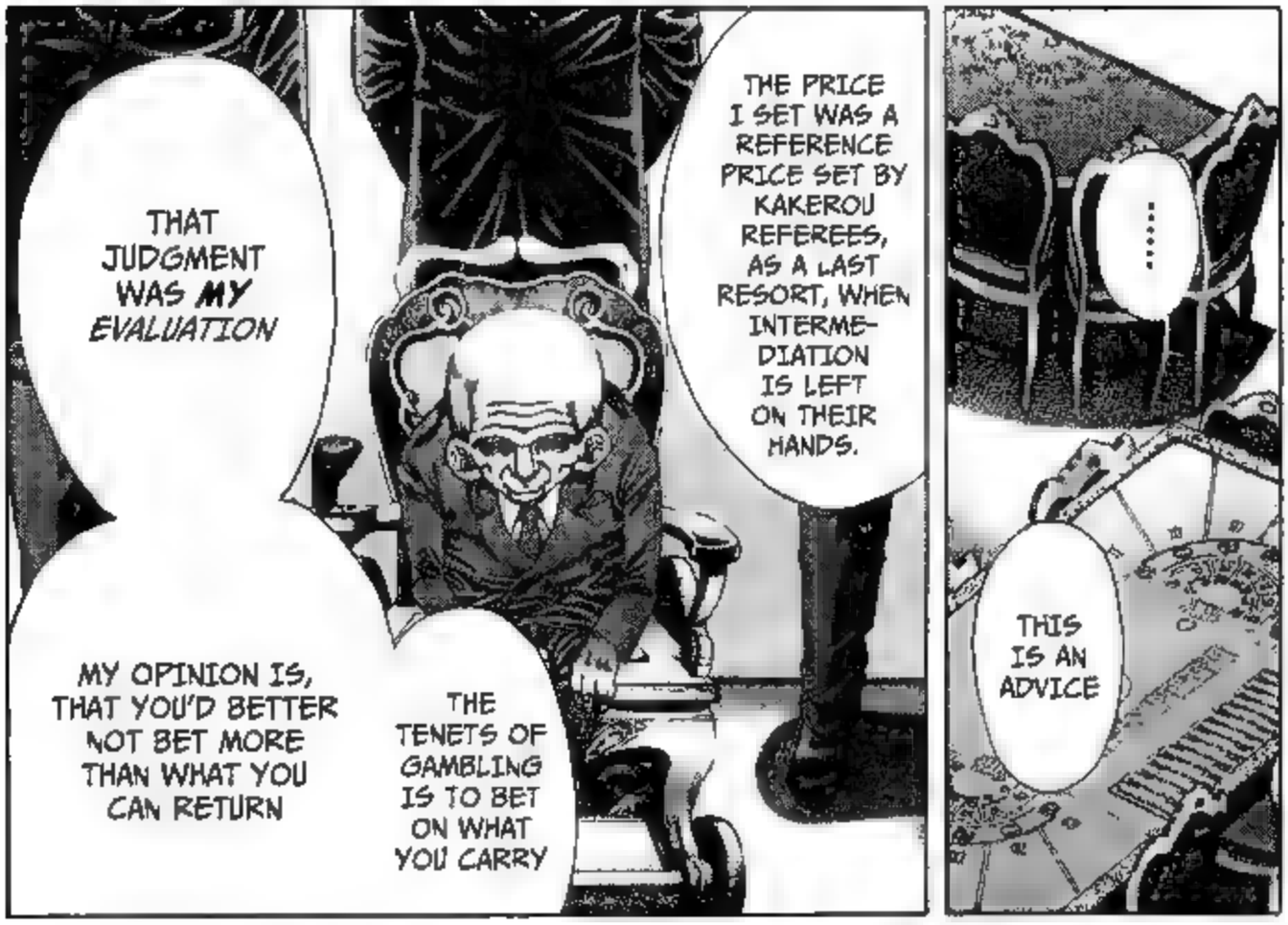

HEY, HEY ARE YOU ALRIGHT ONII-CHAN?
.....
SOB
SOB
SOB
IT WAS A HARSH ESTIMATE YOU KNOW... YEAH, AN INCORRECT GUESS!!
YOU KNOW, CRYING DOESN'T HELP.


W... WHY AM I ...


SO INCAP-ABLE?
SOB
SOB


ONII-CHAN'S WORTH CANNOT BE ESTIMATED AT 100 YEN
WHAT'S THIS SHIT?
YOU KNOW WE ARE...
STICKING PRICE TAGS ON HUMANS...
THAT YOU CAN MEASURE WITH MONEY!!
HUMAN BEINGS!
WE ARE NOT OBJECTS...
WE HAVE BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH OUR VEINS!

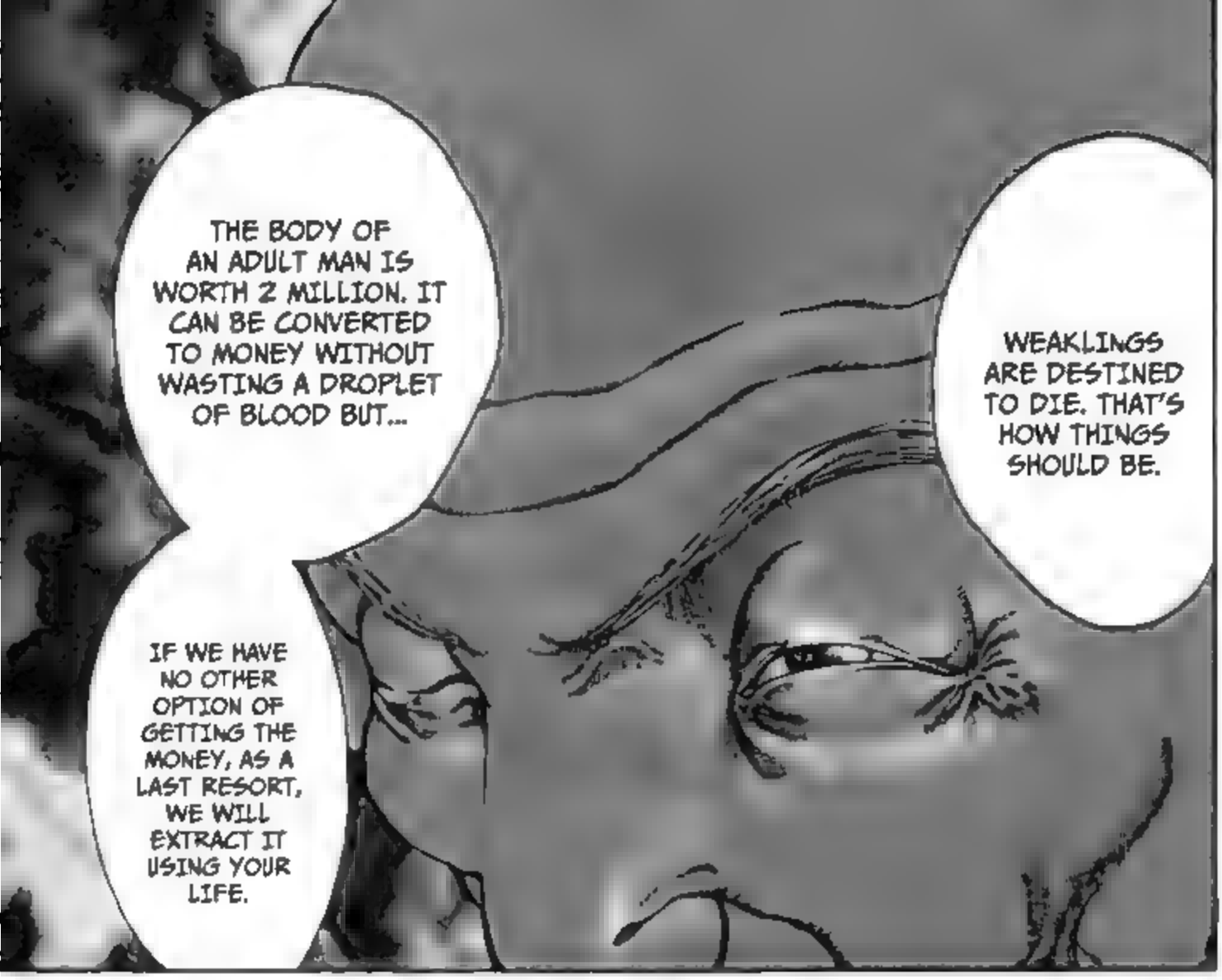

I SHOULD SCOLD MYSELF FOR MAKING NASTY THOUGHTS.
MEH!
OH, MY!
SEEMS TO CRAVE FOR MEMBERSHIP. WELL, IT'S INEVITABLE.
.....
THIS MELO-DRAMATIC ACTOR ...
I WILL DEFINITELY PLUNDER...
BY HOOK OR BY CROOK,
IF THINGS PROCEED LIKE THIS, THERE WON'T BE ANY GAMBLING. THIS BRAT WILL JUST TURN TAIL.
HOW CAN I WALK AWAY AND ABANDON THE OPPOR-TUNITY OF A LIFETIME?
THAT KAKEROU MEMBER-SHIP!


THAT JUDGMENT WAS *MY* *EVALUATION*
THE PRICE I SET WAS A REFERENCE PRICE SET BY KAKEROU REFEREES, AS A LAST RESORT, WHEN INTERME-DIATION IS LEFT ON THEIR HANDS.
MY OPINION IS, THAT YOU'D BETTER NOT BET MORE THAN WHAT YOU CAN RETURN
THE TENETS OF GAMBLING IS TO BET ON WHAT YOU CARRY
.....
THIS IS AN ADVICE


IF YOU INSIST ON BETTING MORE THAN WHAT YOU CARRY, WE BECOME THE GUARANTORS WHO ENSURE THAT MONEY IS RETURNED.
WHEN YOU LOSE A GAMBLE, YOU MUST PAY BACK AT ONCE... IF A PERSON IS INCAPABLE OF MAKING THE PAYMENT...
BUT...
BUT, DEBT COLLECTION IS ALSO ONE OF OUR SERVICES.


AND THEY DIS-APPEAR!
BOOM


THAT PERSON'S LIFE...
AFTER WE ACQUIRE THE MONEY BY USING VARIOUS METHODS AT OUR DISPOSAL...
WILL BE WASTED AND VANISH LIKE FIREWORKS!


THE BODY OF AN ADULT MAN IS WORTH 2 MILLION. IT CAN BE CONVERTED TO MONEY WITHOUT WASTING A DROPLET OF BLOOD BUT...
WEAKLINGS ARE DESTINED TO DIE. THAT'S HOW THINGS SHOULD BE.
IF WE HAVE NO OTHER OPTION OF GETTING THE MONEY, AS A LAST RESORT, WE WILL EXTRACT IT USING YOUR LIFE.


HE'S INTIMIDATING HIM! WHAT THE FUCK IS HE THINKING? I GOTTA DO SOMETING...


KA-JII
OR THIS BRAT'S GONNA RUN AWAY..!

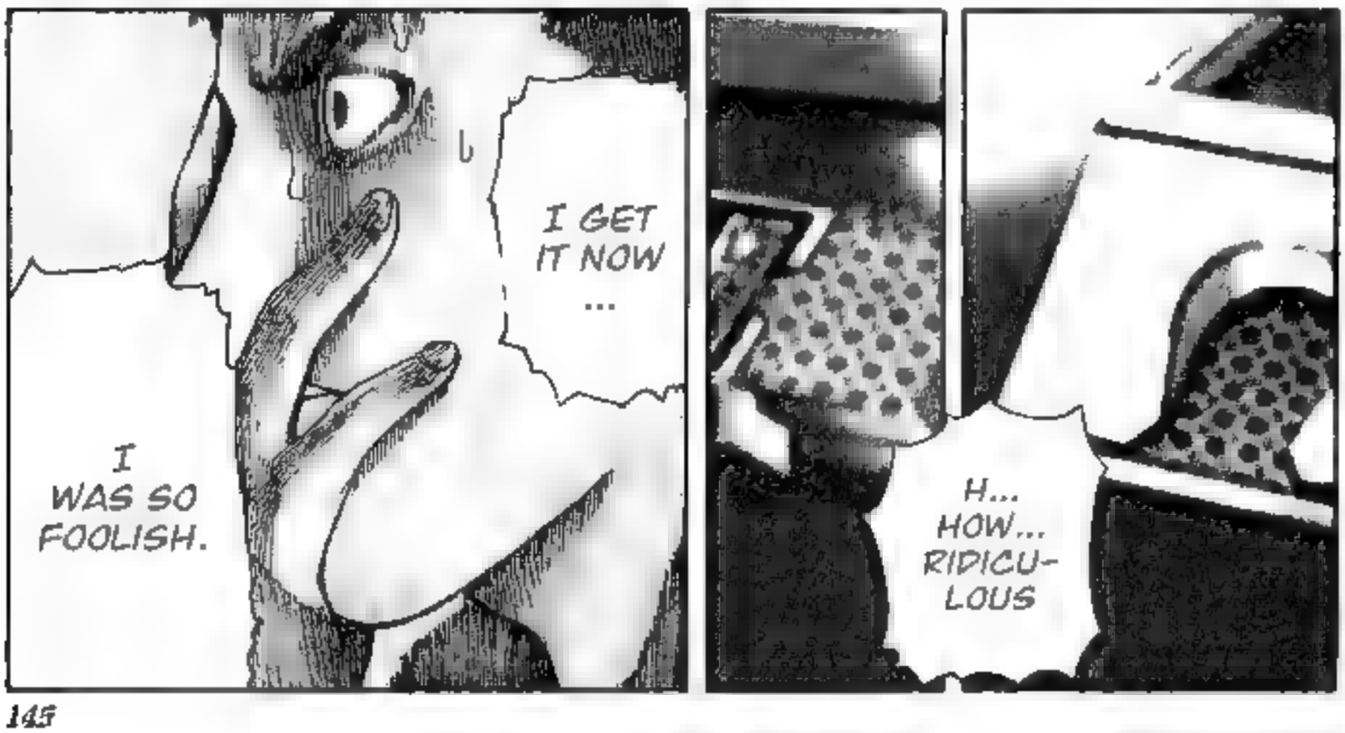

I NEED YOU BOTH TO CONSIDER THIS AGAIN IMMEDIATELY. I HOPE YOU CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT.
IF THIS TOPIC CAN'T BE SETTLED DESPITE EVERYTHING, I WILL PERSONALLY SET THE TERMS.





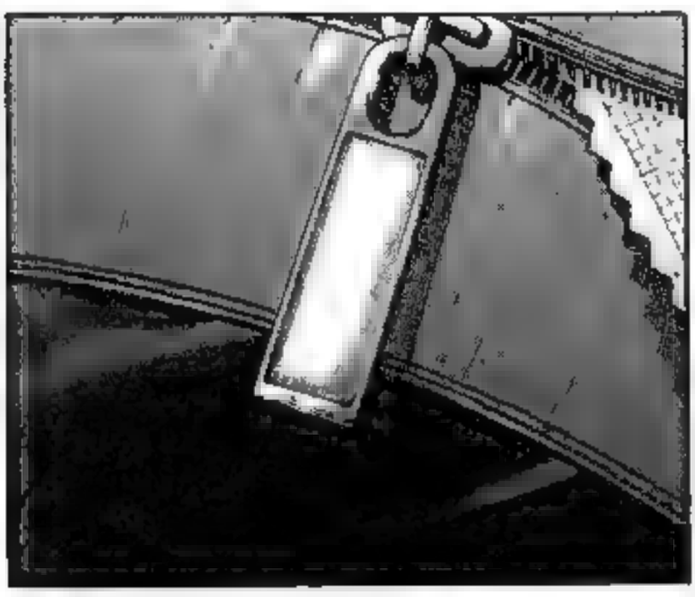


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I WAS SO FOOLISH.
I GET IT NOW ...
H... HOW... RIDICU- LOUS


W... WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SUCH A THING IS
I'M SO... PITIFUL.


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I
I SEE
TAKE HIM OUT OF THE WAY.
BUT, I HAVE TO DEAL WITH HIM FIRST

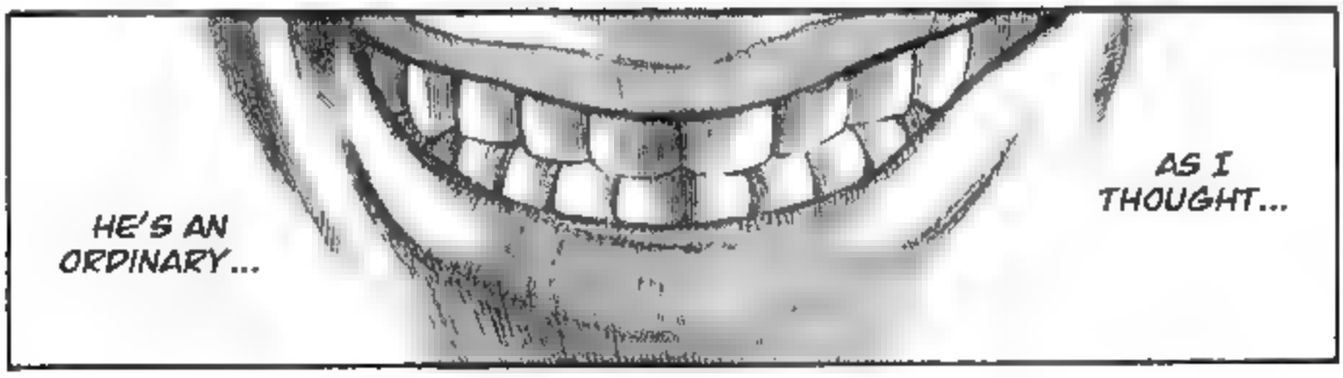

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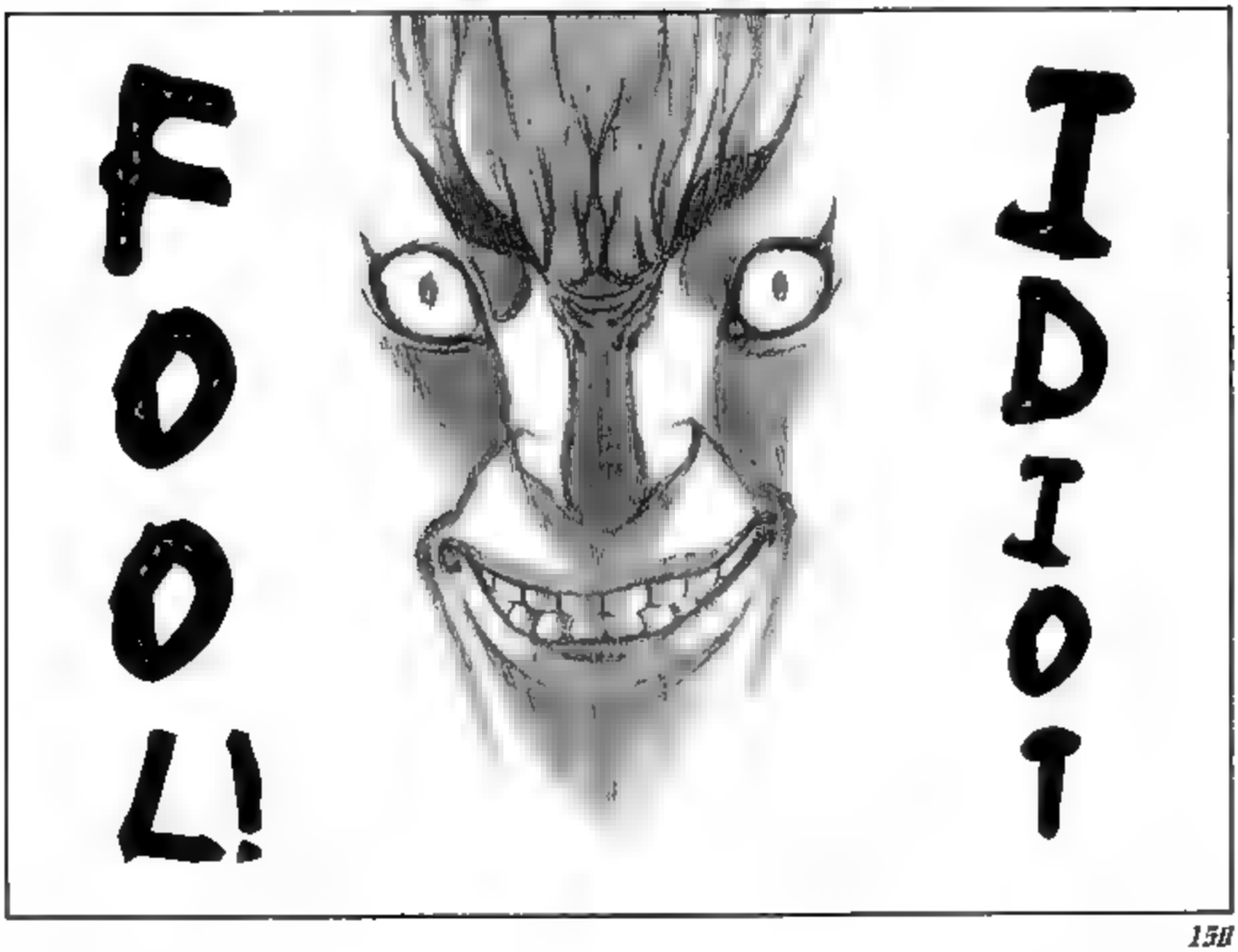

I SHOULD MAKE HIM POWERLESS BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY BEFORE KAKEROU INTERVENES. IF RULES ARE DECIDED,
I WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE MY MOVE! I MUST THINK OF SOMETHING...


SAME-MARU-SAN...
I HAVE TO ENCOURAGE HIM SOME-HOW!
NO, BEFORE THAT, THE PROBLEM IS THIS BRAT. HOW CAN I DRAW HIM INTO THE GAME?
THE WAY THINGS ARE, I CAN'T LEAVE.
I'VE BEEN THINK-ING...
FOR A FINAL GAME?
WOULD YOU JOIN ME,


WHAT?!
.....
WHAT THE HECK?!
DID THIS BRAT SUDDENLY NOTICE SOME-THING?
I'VE BEEN LOSING ALL DAY...
AND FOR SOME REASON, I FEEL LIKE THE CARDS CARRY BAD OMEN.
IT'S JUST,
NOT THESE
LET'S USE THOSE.
THE CARDS WHICH WERE LYING THERE FOR A WHILE.
...


HE, HE...
I SUDDENLY WONDERED ABOUT HIS REAL ABILITY, BUT
T.. THIS BAS-TARD


HE'S AN ORDINARY...
AS I THOUGHT...


FOOL!
IDIOT


IF YOU INSIST... BEFORE I EVEN CONSIDER IT....
WE MUST FIRST RESOLVE THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE AWHILE AGO.
?
I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT... WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER?
I HAD NO PLANS IN TAKING PART IN THIS GAMBLE IN THE FIRST PLACE! BUT...
WON'T YOU CONSIDER BETTING ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PERHAPS?
H... HOW RIDI-CULOUS!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WHEN MAGOROKU TEMPTED AND CHALLENGED HIM TO ENTERTAIN HIMSELF?
BESIDES, DIDN'T HE START THE FIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
SUCH PUNCHING WILL DEFINITELY NOT HAPPEN.
MAGO-ROKU...
THIS GUY HERE, RECEIVED A PUNCH FROM THAT ONII-CHAN.
SO, HE SHOULD LET MAGOROKU PUNCH HIM TO MAKE HIM FEEL BETTER!
And forget about everything.

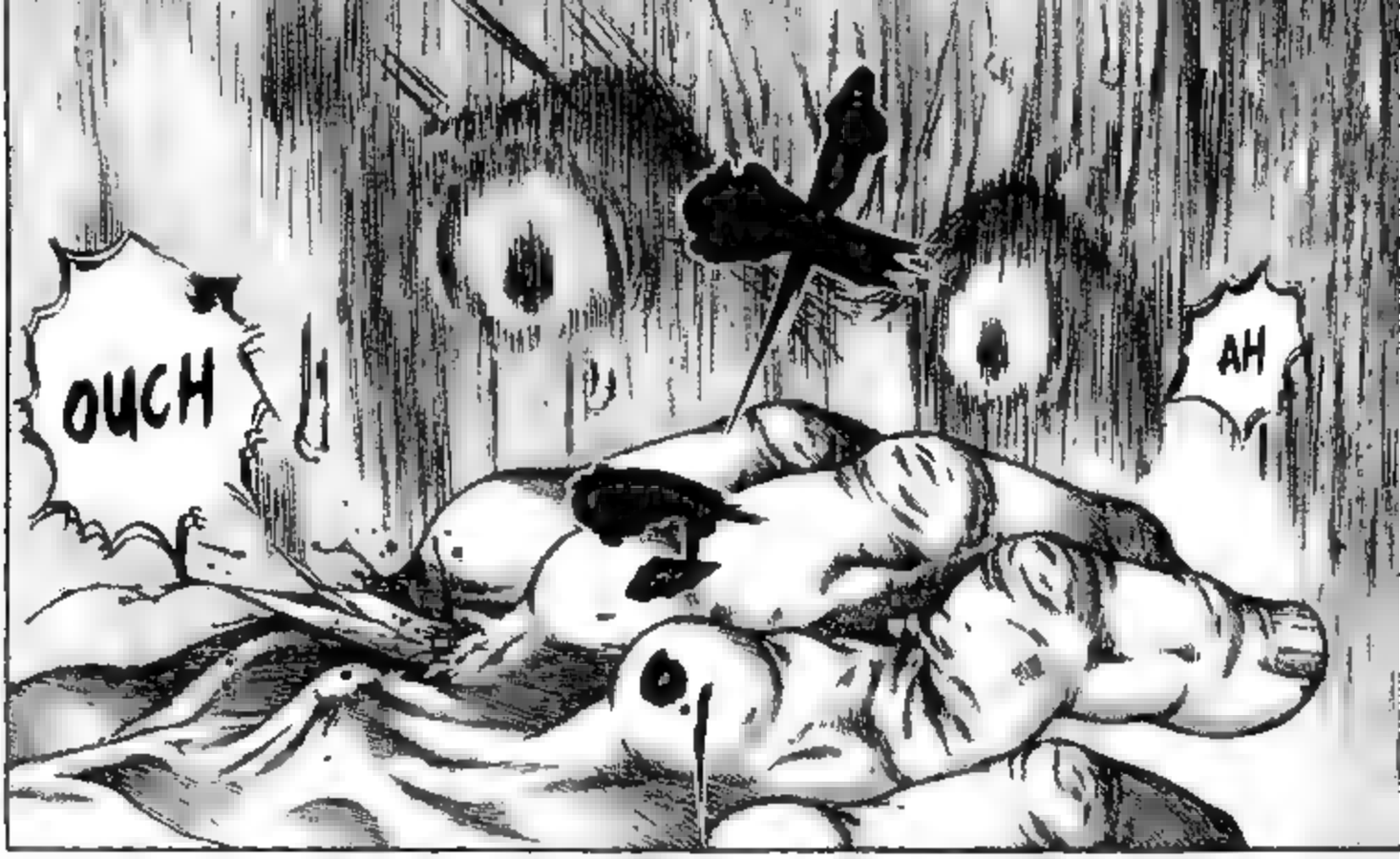

HIT HIM WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT AND TEAR HIM INTO PIECES! GIVE HIM BRAIN HEMORRHAGE AND PUT HIM INTO SLEEP
KEH KEH
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO AVOID IT THIS TIME. YOUR PUNCHES ARE PEERLESS WHEN THEY HIT
I WILL BEAR WITH IT.
KAJI. IT'S ALRIGHT I WILL HELP YOU.
MAR-COY
SHOW US, WHO GALACTIC MAGOROKU IS!
THIS THIS IS PAY-BACK FOR...
NO MARCO! DON'T LET HIM DO THAT!
BACK THEN!




BEAT HIM, CONTINUE HITTING, YEAH!
DON'T STOP YOU MORON!


MARCO!
M...












ANIKI = ONE'S SENIOR, OR ELDER BROTHER. IT'S MOSTLY USED BY UNDERGROUND PEOPLE AND YAKUZA.


GAME
VS
NIKAIDOU
SAMEMARU
KAJI
CHAPTER 28
DEVOUR


OBJECTIONS?
THE GAME IS
POKER WITH THE


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I DON'T HAVE... ANY OBJECTIONS.


HEY... HEY
ARE YOU OKAY? ARE YOU OKAY?
AHH! MY HAND... IT HURTS!

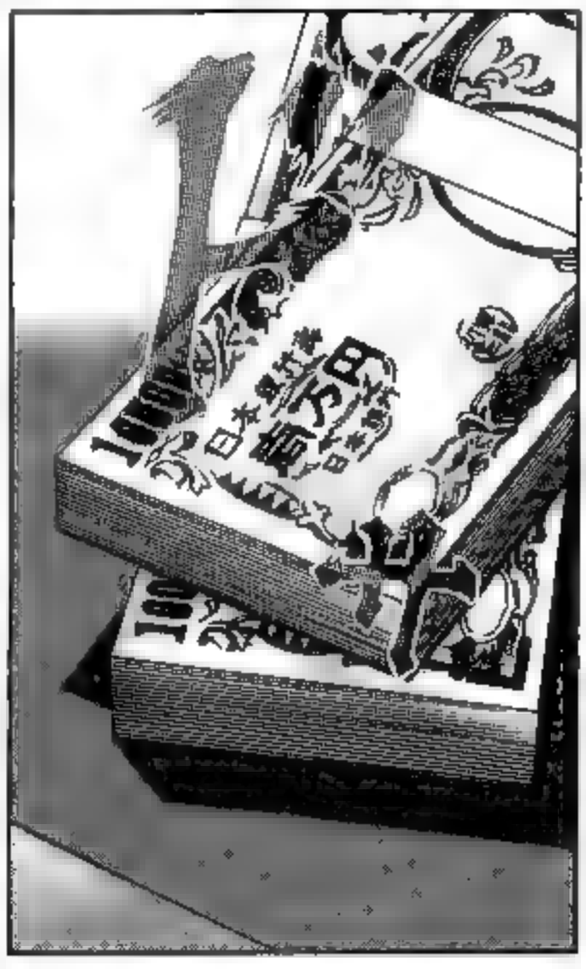






*T/N: IN THE PREVIOUS CHAPTER THEY SAY THAT HUMAN BODY COSTS 2 MILLION WHEN SOLD, AND THIS 2 MILLION IS WHAT KAKEROU CAN OBTAIN FROM KAJI IF HE LOSES MONEY


THIS MONEY IS THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THAT CAN BE COLLECTED FROM YOU*
WHICH IS, TWO MILLION
IF YOU LOSE THE MONEY THAT KAKEROU PAYS YOU, AND FAIL TO REPAY,

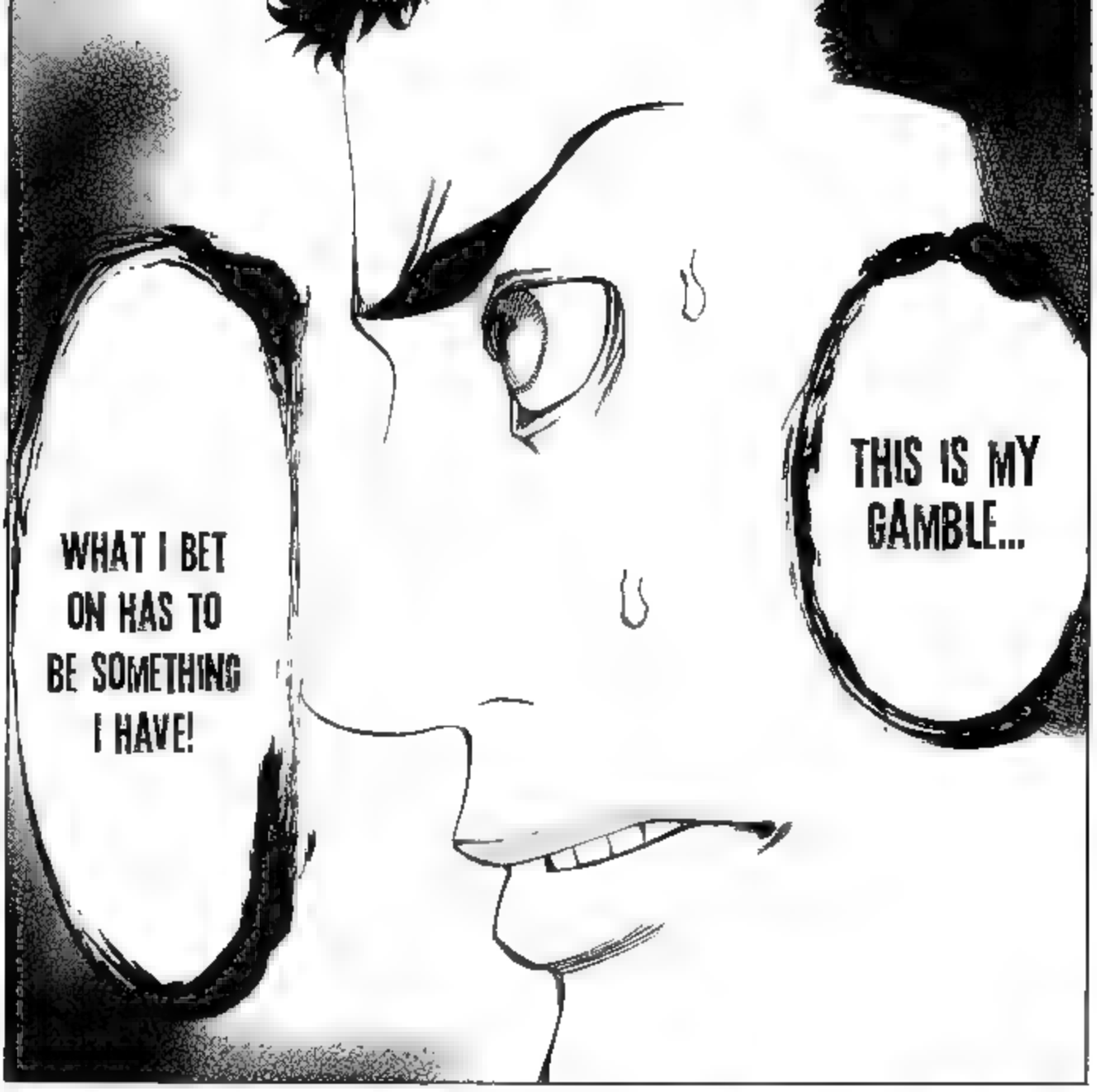


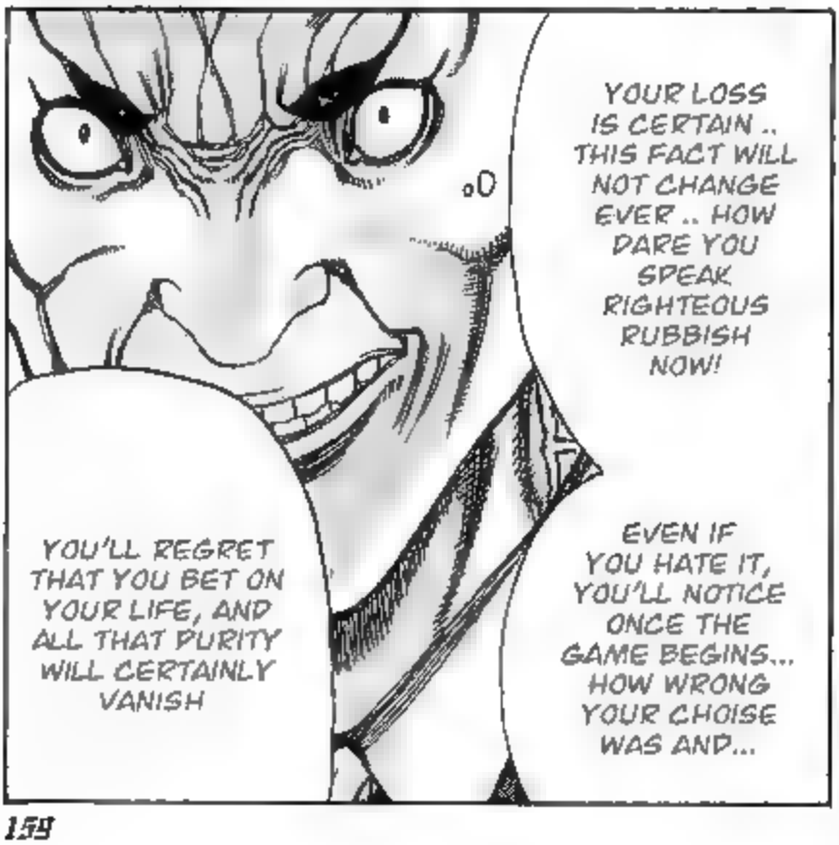

WHICH MEANS THAT YOU WILL LOSE YOUR LIFE.
YOUR BODY WILL BE SOLD FOR MONEY.


WHY... DON'T YOU BET ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP INSTEAD OF YOUR LIFE? YOUR LIFE SHOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT....
BUT, STILL I CAN'T UNDER-STAND...


.....


IF I LOSE MY LIFE, THIS MEMBERSHIP WILL GO TO MY COMRADE... SO, I WON'T WAGER MY MEMBERSHIP IN THIS GAME.
THIS MEMBERSHIP IS NOT A MERE PERSONAL BELONGING...
IT CAN'T BE GAMBLED.


WHAT I BET ON HAS TO BE SOMETHING I HAVE!
THIS IS MY GAMBLE...


YOUR LOSS IS CERTAIN .. THIS FACT WILL NOT CHANGE EVER .. HOW DARE YOU SPEAK RIGHTEOUS RUBBISH NOW!
YOU'LL REGRET THAT YOU BET ON YOUR LIFE, AND ALL THAT PURITY WILL CERTAINLY VANISH
EVEN IF YOU HATE IT, YOU'LL NOTICE ONCE THE GAME BEGINS... HOW WRONG YOUR CHOISE WAS AND...


THAT PURITY WILL BE SHORT-LIVED
I'LL SEE WHETHER YOU STICK TO THOSE ETHICS AFTER YOU LOSE


YES SIR
HEY, GYOUSHUU
.....
BY THE WAY, MAGOROKU CAN'T BE A DEALER WHILE HIS HAND IS LIKE THAT
NOWA-SAN, CAN'T YOU FIND A SOLUTIO N?


?
PLEASE DON'T INSERT THOSE CARDS INTO THE CHUTE.
P... PLEASE WAIT.
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I DON'T HAVE A REASON TO RESORT TO TRICKS.
WHAT TRICK? I AM KAKEROU'S DEALER.
I CAN'T TRUST THAT.
.....
I'VE READ FROM A BOOK ABOUT
AND TRICKS LIKE SLIDING CARD FIRST TO INFLUENCE THE NEXT CARD.
THE STRUCTU RE OF CHUTES


I AM BETTING ON MY LIFE!! SO IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT I'M NERVOUS!
AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, I DON'T WANT THE CARDS TO BE TOUCHED BY ANYBODY EXCEPT MYSELF. IN THE END, I CAN'T SEE THROUGH SLEIGHT OF HAND TECHNIQUES.
SO I DON'T WANT TO USE THAT CHUTE!


YOU'RE RIGHT
SO,
PLEASE PLACE CARDS LIKE THIS...!


I SEE...


EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT,
THE SAME PERSON CAN DRAW CARDS HE LIKES EVEN WHEN CARDS ARE PILED UP



IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT CHEATING SO MUCH,

WHY DON'T WE CHANGE THE RULES? WE'LL BAN FRAUD AND HANDLE IT OURSELVES

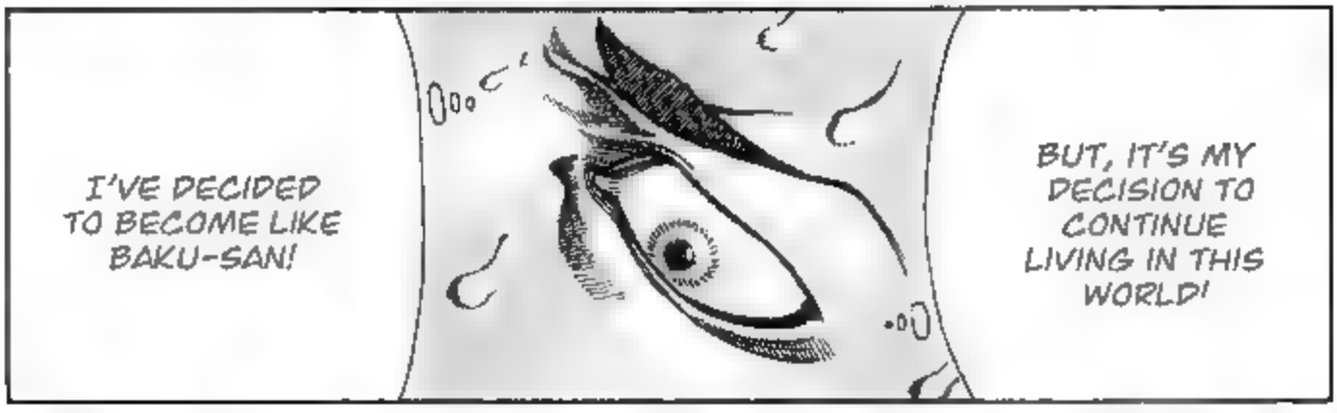
IN THAT CASE, KAKEROU WILL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY AND MONITOR CHEATING.

I CAN DRAW THE NEXT CARD MYSELF IF IT IS ARRANGED IN THIS MANNER.

IN THIS CASE, NOBODY CAN CHEAT... EVEN I CAN DETECT CHEATING.

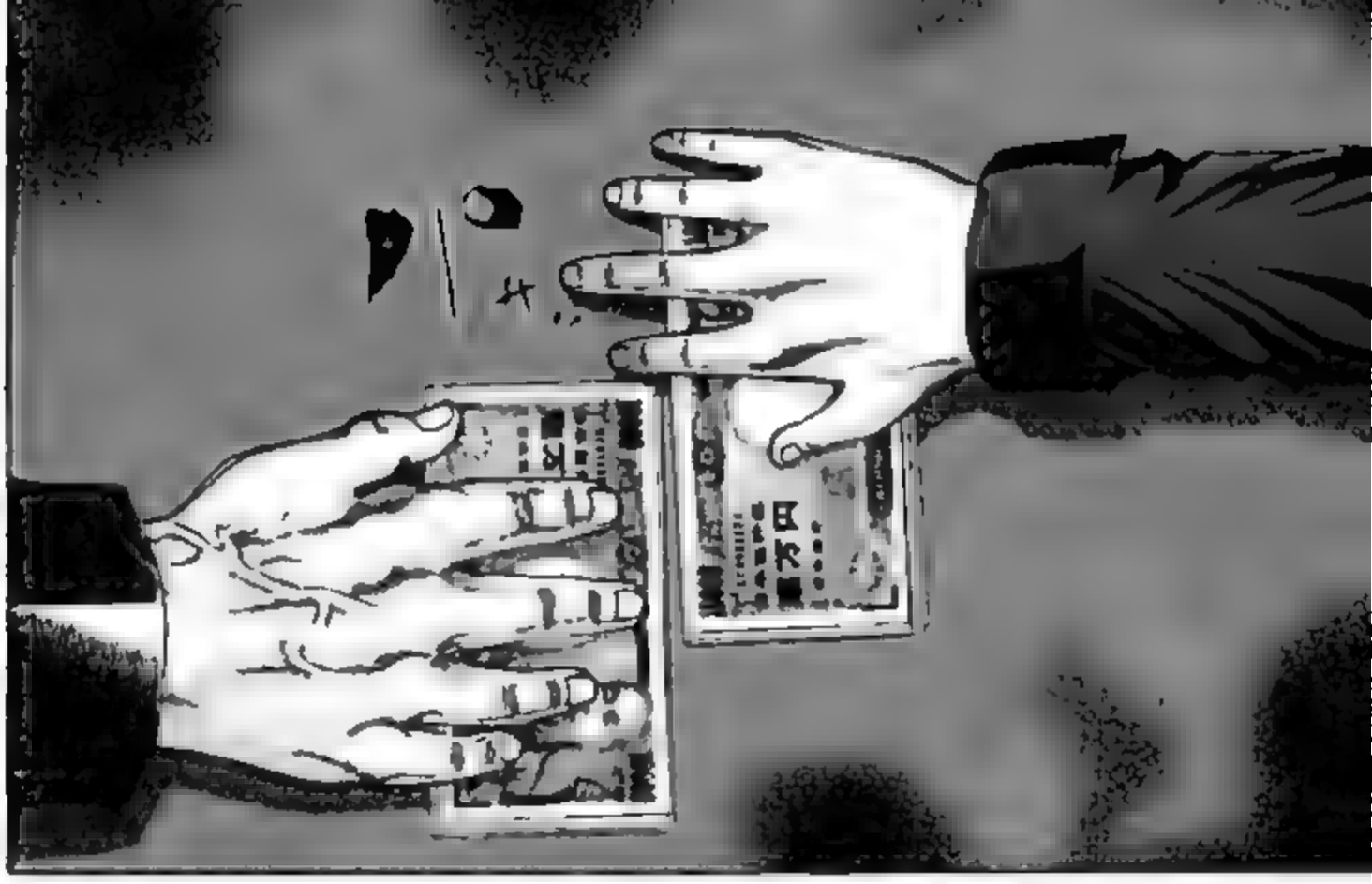

KAKEROU ISN'T RELATED TO ME! RATHER THAN LEAVING THINGS TO OTHERS,
DOING AS MANY THINGS AS I CAN IS MOST RELIABLE! AND, THE RULES ARE GOOD AS THEY ARE.
DIDN'T I REPEAT MYSELF SEVERAL TIMES?
YOU MORON! YOU CRACKED AND YOU'RE ABOUT TO BLOW YOUR FUSE... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT YOU LOST EVEN BEFORE ANY ACT OF CHEATING? YOU FOOL!
I AM FINE EITHER WAY, SO LET'S HURRY AND START THE GAME
.....
SO, IF YOU CAME TO AN AGREEMENT,
OH BOY, THE GAMBLING LEVEL WILL BE VERY LOW...
HOW ABOUT STARTING THE GAME THEN?


THIS IS THE VALUE OF MY LIFE. THIS WORLD SHOULD BE GOING INSANE.
2 MILLION ...
SUCH A HEAVY BURDEN ON ME...


I'VE DECIDED TO BECOME LIKE BAKU-SAN!
BUT, IT'S MY DECISION TO CONTINUE LIVING IN THIS WORLD!

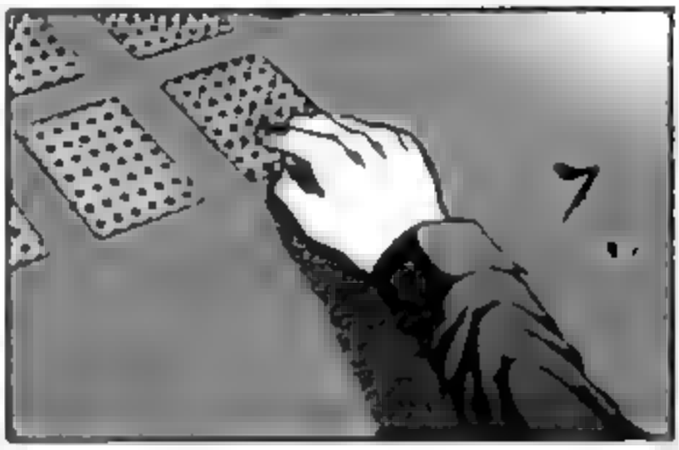

SO, LET'S BEGIN.
IF IT'S TORMENTED FOR SEVEN DAYS.
I DID WHAT I COULD ..
NOW, ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO RETURN THE BLOW... EVEN A RABBIT WILL BITE...
IT'S ALRIGHT EVEN IF I LOSE THIS MONEY.
I'M DIFFERENT NOW....
CURRENTLY, I'M TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I WAS A WHILE AGO!

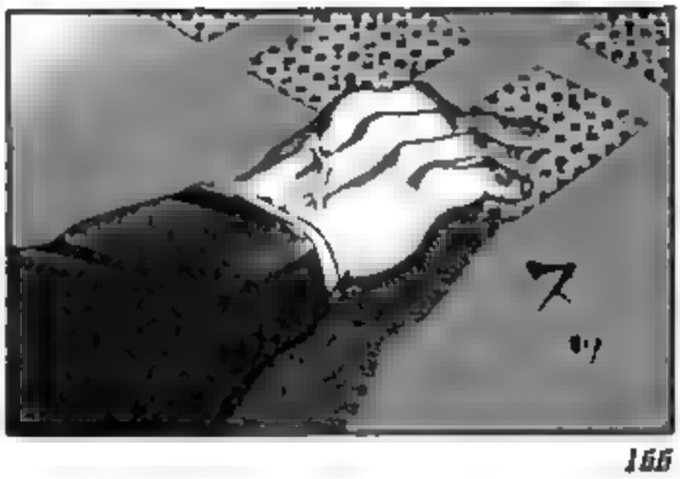

I WILL...
DEVOUR
HIM!




DRAW A CARD
IT BEGINS WITH YOU, ONII-CHAN.



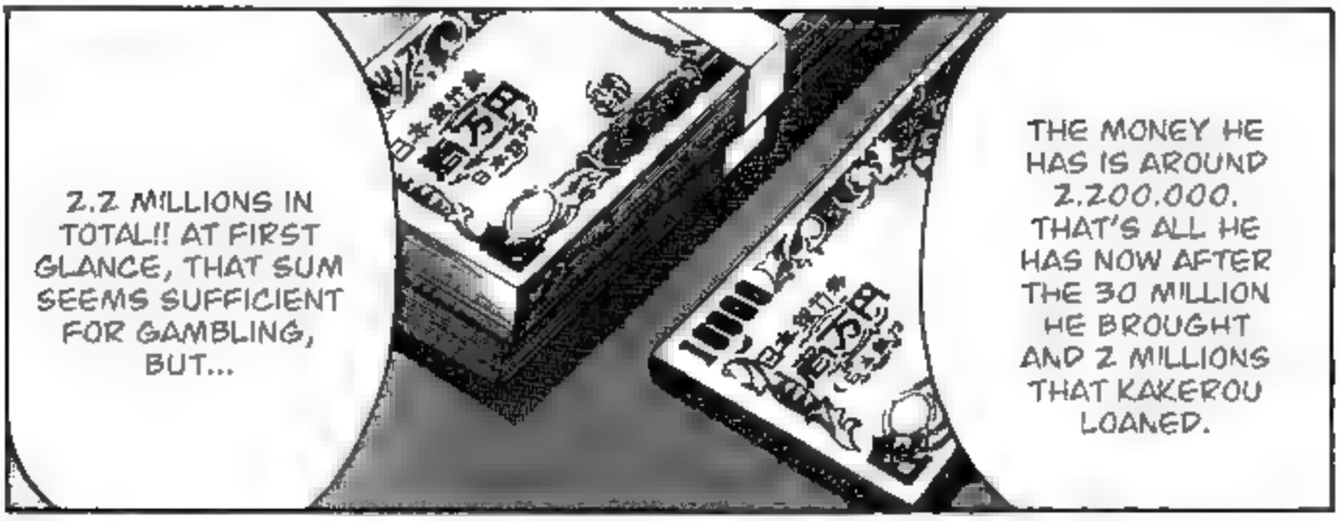


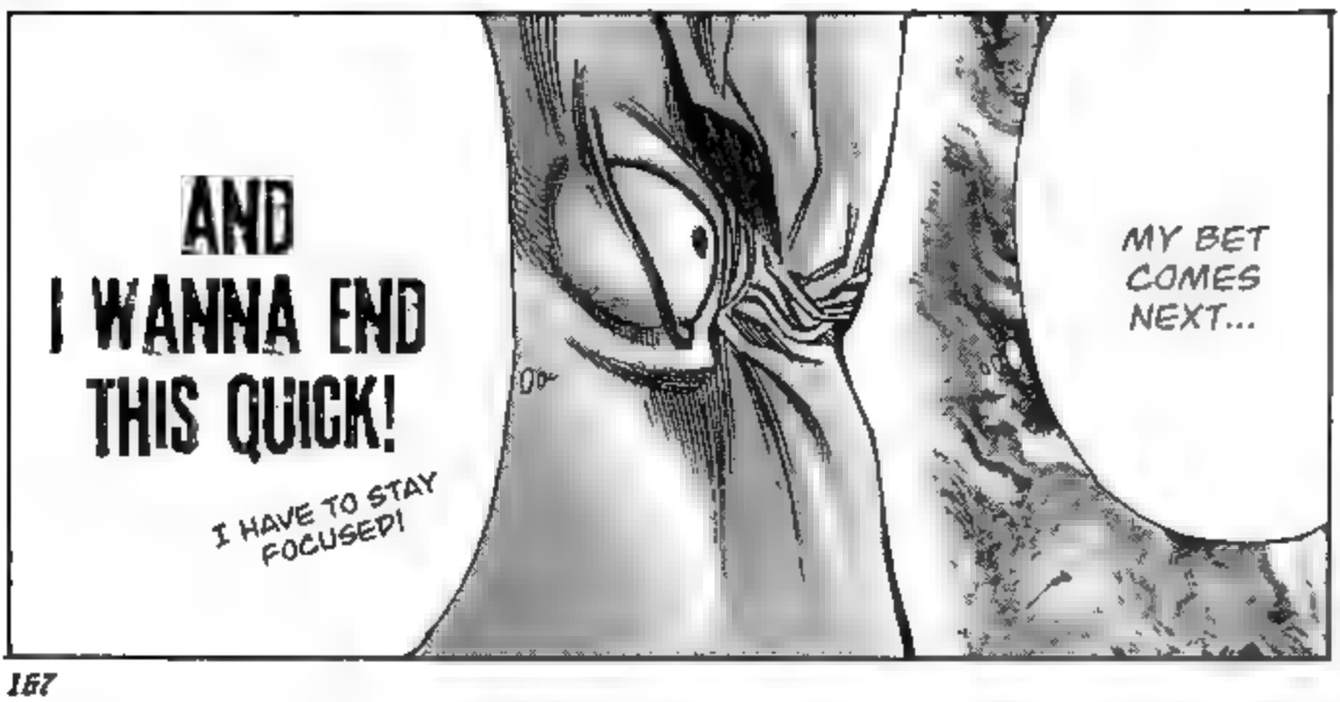


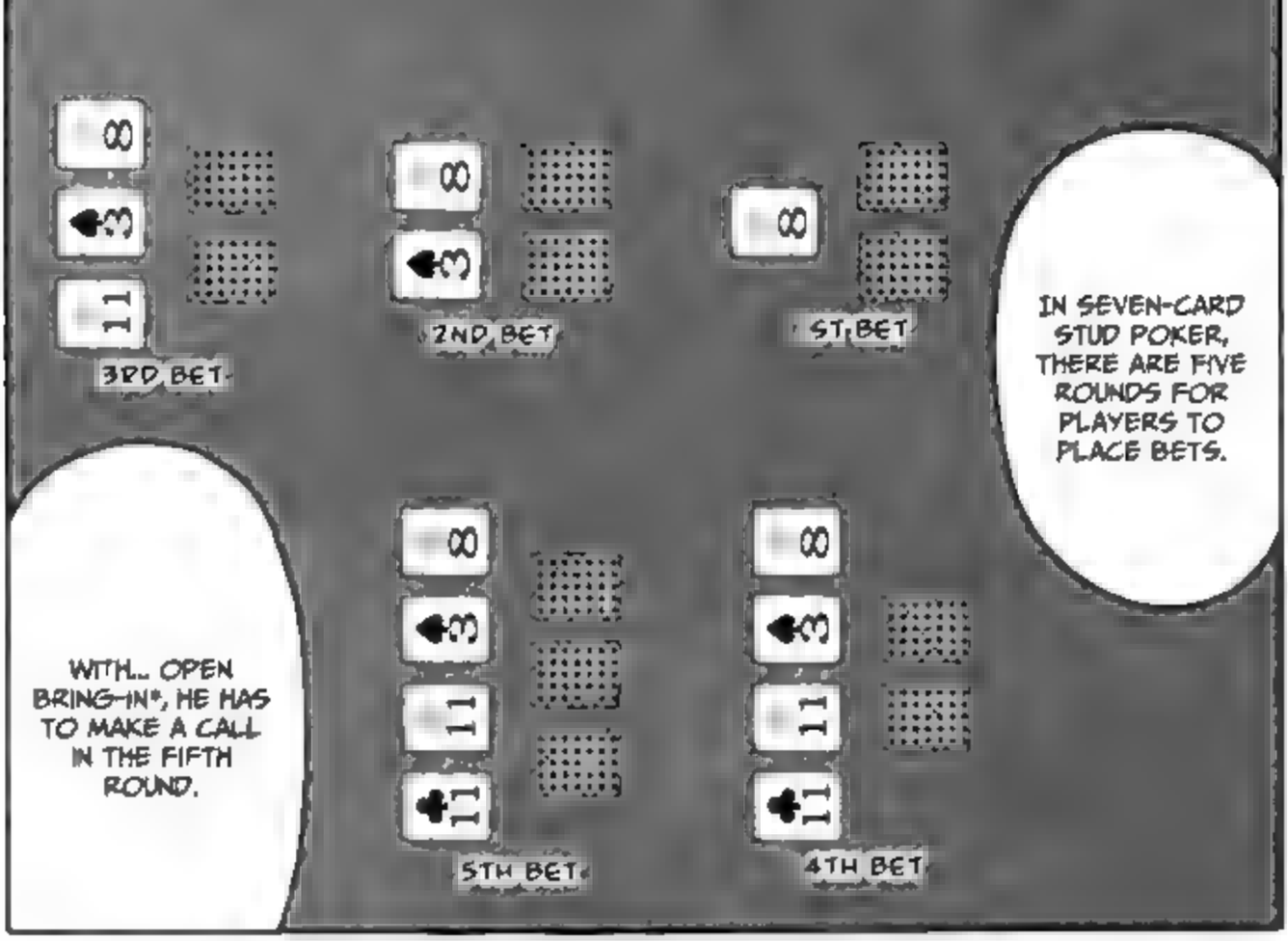

KEH KEH IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CARDS.
I SEE, IT BEGINS WITH MY BET... I BET 100.000, SINCE IT'S MY CREDIT LIMIT


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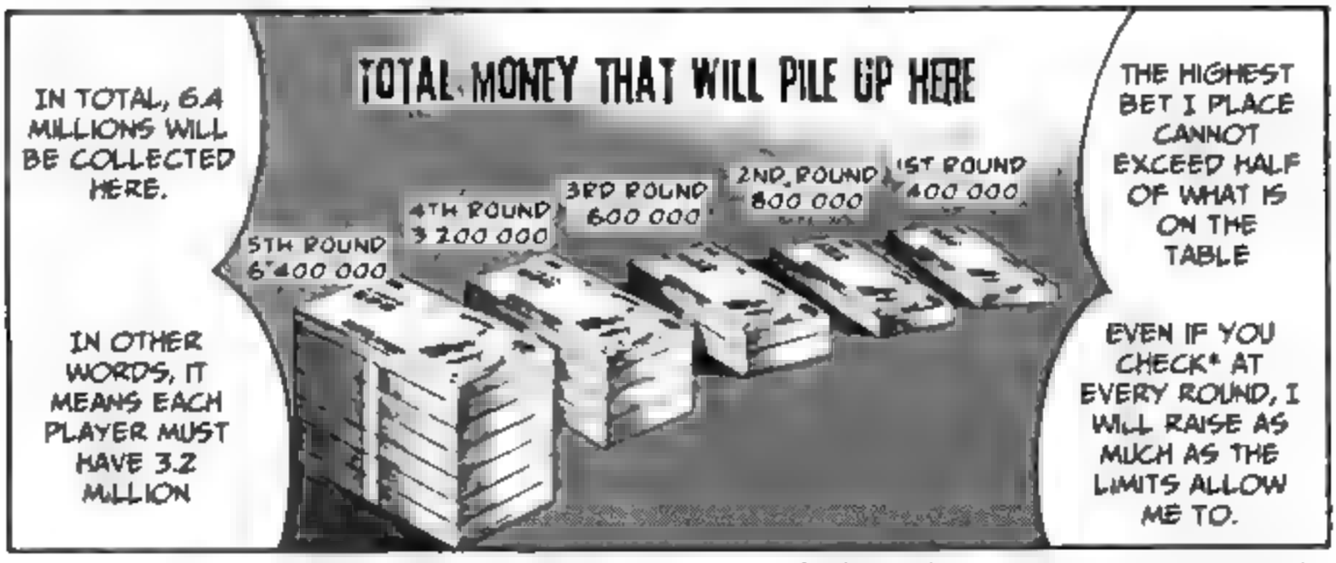

YOU ARE ALREADY LOSING.


2.2 MILLIONS IN TOTAL!! AT FIRST GLANCE, THAT SUM SEEMS SUFFICIENT FOR GAMBLING, BUT...
THE MONEY HE HAS IS AROUND 2.200.000. THAT'S ALL HE HAS NOW AFTER THE 30 MILLION HE BROUGHT AND 2 MILLIONS THAT KAKEROU LOANED.


AND
I WANNA END THIS QUICK!
I HAVE TO STAY FOCUSED!
MY BET COMES NEXT...


3RD BET
2ND BET
ST BET
IN SEVEN-CARD STUD POKER, THERE ARE FIVE ROUNDS FOR PLAYERS TO PLACE BETS.
WITH... OPEN BRING-IN*, HE HAS TO MAKE A CALL IN THE FIFTH ROUND.
5TH BET
4TH BET

T/N: BRING IN: POKER TERM


TOTAL MONEY THAT WILL PILE UP HERE
IN TOTAL, 6.4 MILLIONS WILL BE COLLECTED HERE.
5TH ROUND 6'400 000
4TH ROUND 3 200 000
3RD ROUND 600 000
2ND ROUND 800 000
1ST ROUND 400 000
THE HIGHEST BET I PLACE CANNOT EXCEED HALF OF WHAT IS ON THE TABLE
IN OTHER WORDS, IT MEANS EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE 3.2 MILLION
EVEN IF YOU CHECK* AT EVERY ROUND, I WILL RAISE AS MUCH AS THE LIMITS ALLOW ME TO.

T/N FOLD IS YET ANOTHER POKER TERMNOLOGY


CALL... I CALL YOUR 100.000
AND WITH YOUR MONEY, YOU'LL FOLD* AT THE FIFTH ROUND! KEH KEH YOU CAN'T EVEN CLIMB ONTO THE GAMBLING ARENA

PR/N AFTER THE 5TH ROUND, IF THE WINNER IS NOT DECIDED, THEY GO FOR A SHOWDOWN AND COMPETE FOR THE BEST HAND


I'LL DEFINITELY CRUSH YOU!
BECAUSE, HIS HAND DOESN'T MATTER...
I DON'T NEED TO SEE HIS CARDS LIKE I DID IN THE PAST.
THIS IS THE END, HE HAS 600.000 LEFT.
ALL I NEED TO DO IS TO BET 1.600 000.
HE HE HEE
SO HOW ABOUT WE SETTLE THIS QUICK? I'LL... PLACE THE HIGHEST BET I CAN- 1.6 MILLION.
C'MON ONII-CHAN, YOU'VE HAD A PALE FACE FOR SOME TIME NOW.





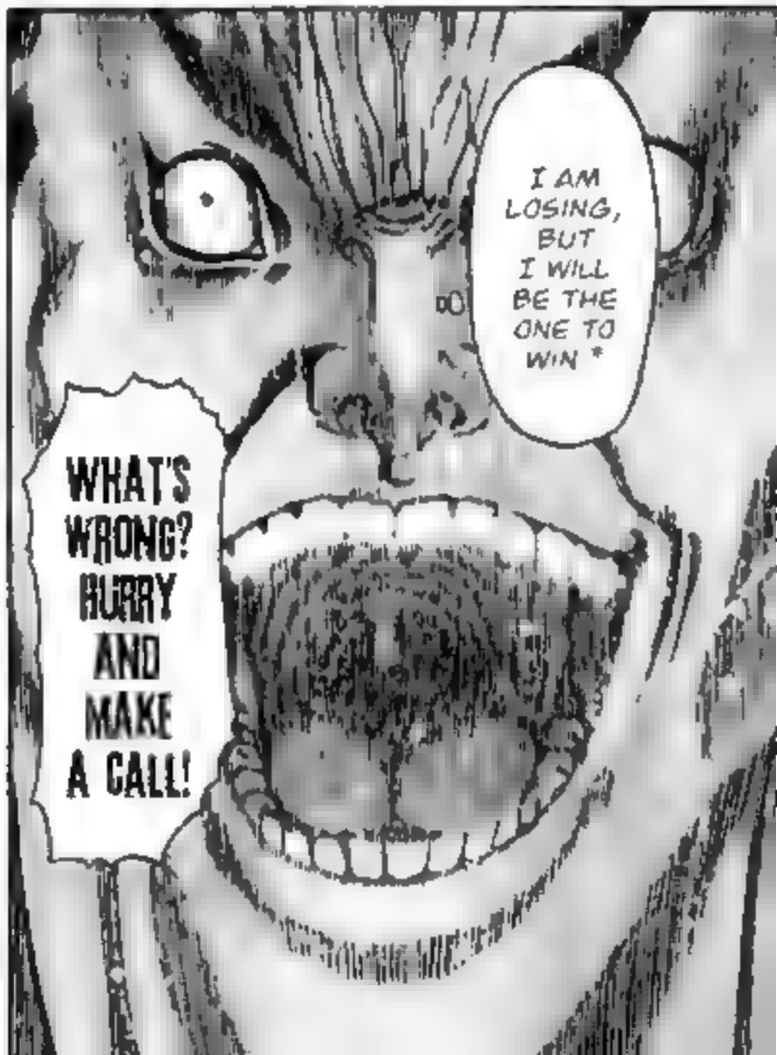
HIS HAND IS ALSO WORTHLESS, BUT I LOSE BASED ON THE CARDS
MY HAND IS WORTH-
HEHHE... IT'S NOT LIKE HE CAN CALL...
You don't have the money, do you?

*T/N: LOSING BASED ON CARDS, WINNING BASED ON CIRCUMSTANCES










THANKS TO UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS THAT I DID NOT PLAN,
たしかにこれじゃもうまともな勝負出来ないです
のお金はう…れだけ
ものままじゃわれな
I SUCCESSFULLY IMPLANTED THE ULTIMATE MISCONCEPTION IN YOUR MIND.
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IN A GAMBLE... ASSUMPTION IS...
DANGEROUS!

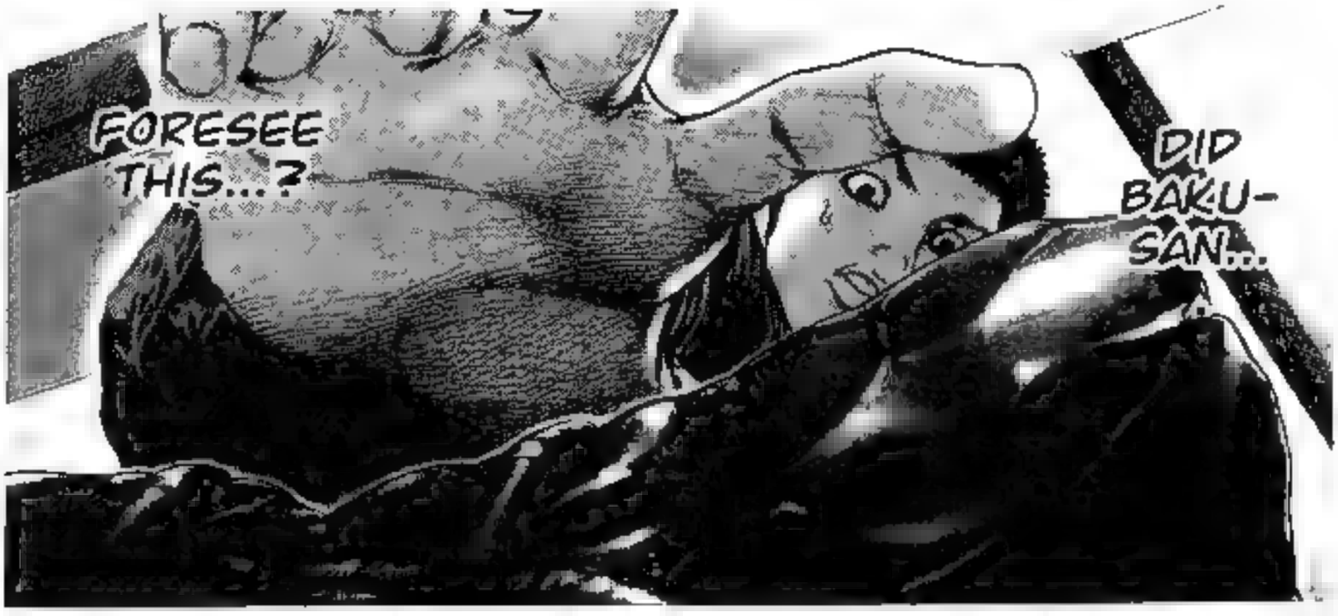

OH... OH...
WHAT IS ? THAT MONEY
1.6 MILLION CALL
!?
AND NOW, PLEASE
REVEAL YOUR CARDS!!

Q 外伝 夜行軽古壱の仕事は
どう思いますか？

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思いつきで
動くと
あとが
つらい
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ぶっちゃけ
後悔してるよ




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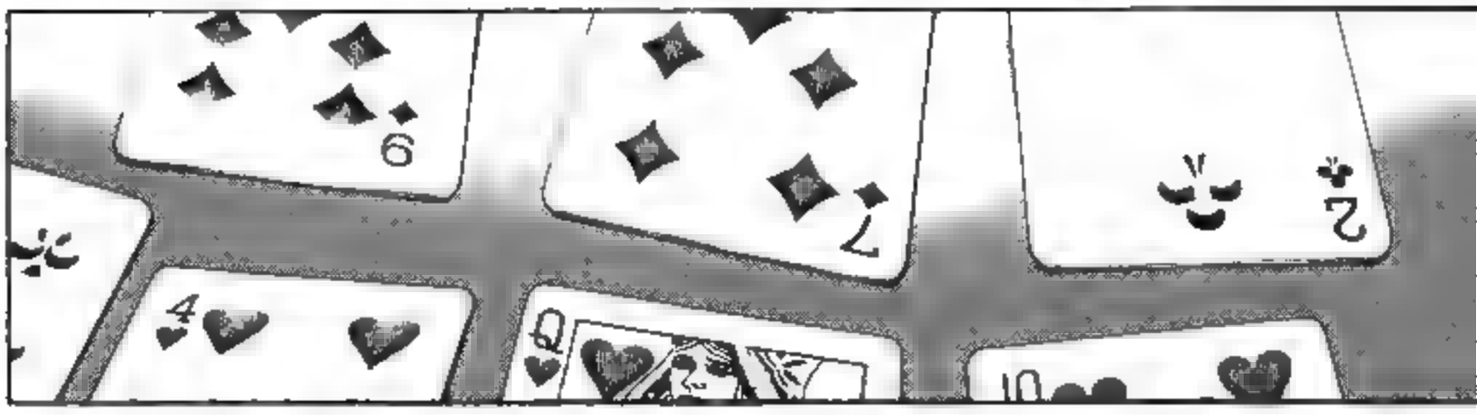

FORESEE THIS...?
DID BAKU-SAN...


BAKU-SAN ALWAYS GUIDES ME THROUGH EVERY-THING.
RECOVER AFTER MY DEFEAT!!
THAT I'D TRY TO...

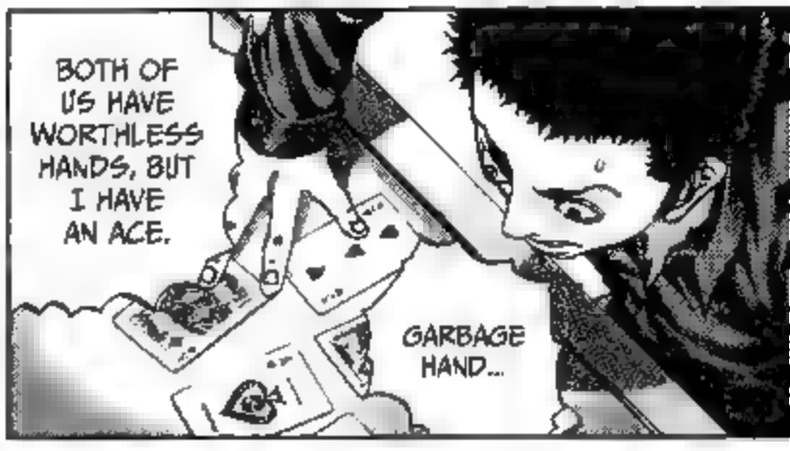

AND COUNTERATTACK!
THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE, WHICH BAKU-SAN GAVE ME, TO BARE MY FANGS...
CHAPTER 30
CONTROL THE MONEY!


WAS THERE A MILLION YEN STILL LEFT IN THE BAG...? YOU BLOCKHEAD...
DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT IT HIMSELF!


SH.. . IT!
DID THIS BRAT , KEEP THE MONEY HIDDEN...? NO! HE....





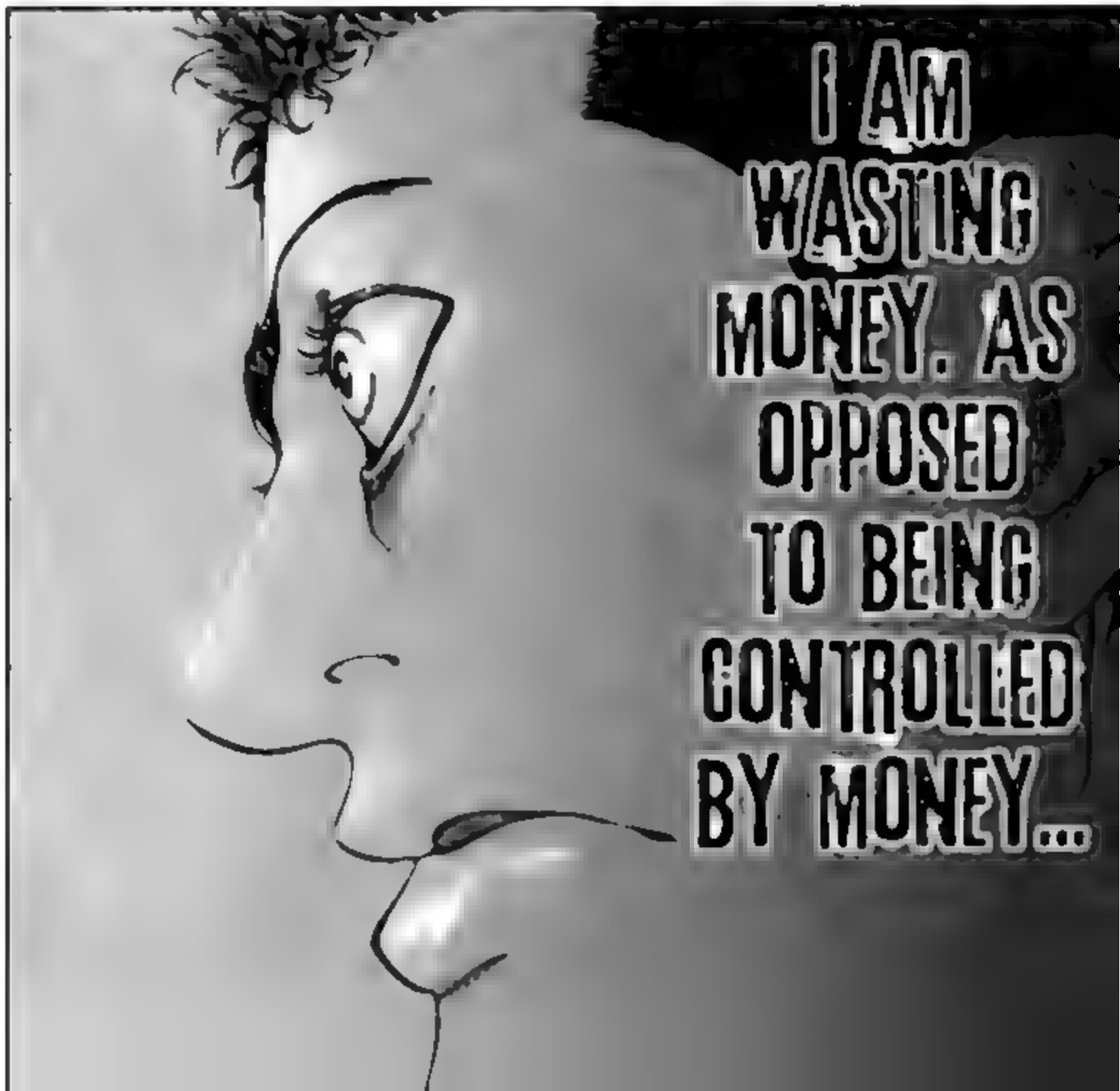

BOTH OF US HAVE WORTHLESS HANDS, BUT I HAVE AN ACE.
GARBAGE HAND...

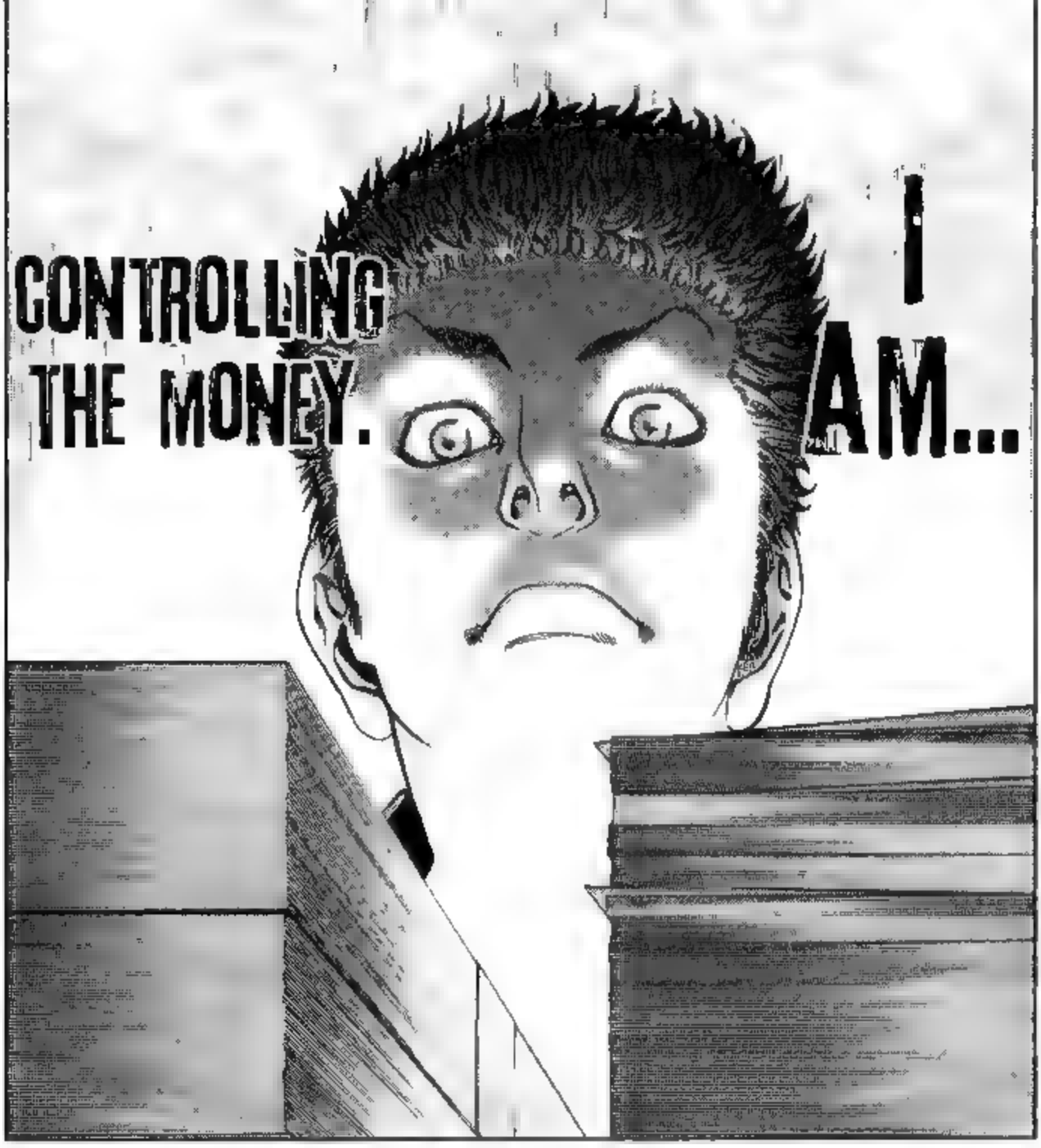

YOUR HIGH CARD IS A QUEEN, WHICH MEANS THAT I HAVE THE HIGHER CARD.
SAMEMAR USAN,


THIS IS...
THIS IS
MY
VICTORY.
第30話
金を掻れ!


.....
IS THIS... WHAT THEY CALL... WIN-NING?
I WON.
DAMN


MY SOUL IS SCREAMING AT ME TO "WIN ONCE MORE"! FOR THE SAKE OF VICTORY...
A REAL GAMBLE


I AM WASTING MONEY. AS OPPOSED TO BEING CONTROLLED BY MONEY...


CONTROLLING THE MONEY.
I AM...

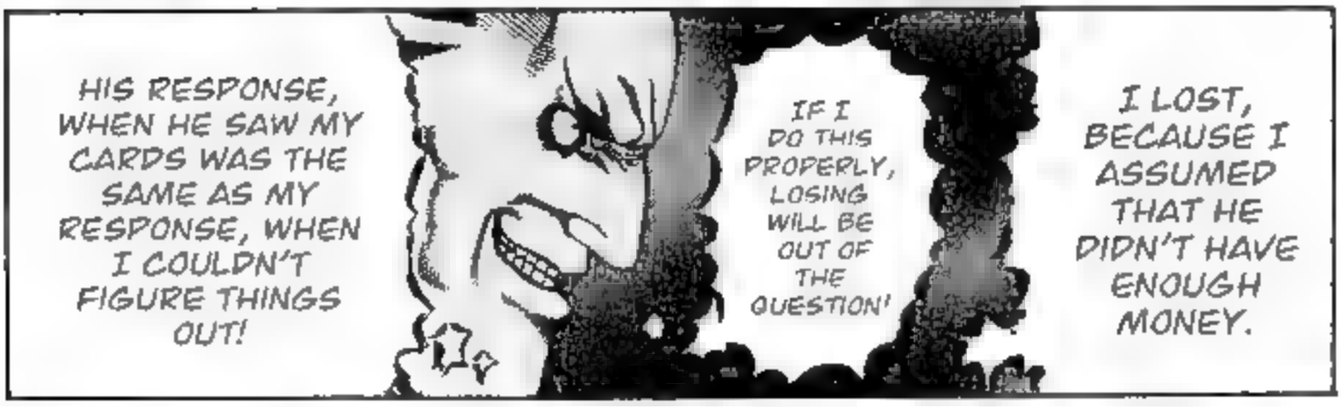

H... HEY HEY
TODAY'S GAME WAS TRULY A VERY USEFUL LESSON TO ME.
I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR COMPANY DURING THIS GAME.
SAME-MARU-SAN


BEING IN A HURRY IS NO GOOD! ONII-CHAN, YOU LOST AROUND 30 MILLION.
THAT 3.2M YOU WON IS ONLY A PORTION OF WHAT YOU LOST.
CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT? HUH? YOU HAVE STILL LOST AN OUTRAGEOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY!
.....


IT DOESN'T MATTER! THIS LOSS IS...
CARVED INTO MY HEART AS SELF-ADMONISH-MENT.
THIS VICTORY IS NOTHING MORE THAN MY UTILIZATION OF YOUR MISCON-CEPTION.


BESIDES, TO ME, THE VALUE OF THIS 3.2M IS...
MUCH HIGHER THAN THE VALUE OF 30 MILLION THAT I HAD IN THE BE-GINNING.
YOU WON ACCIDENTALLY! BUT, YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF IT.
HOW CAN I LET YOU RUN AWAY UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTA NCES?


YOU SIMPLY LEFT IT TO LUCK.
NOT YOUR ABILITY OR ANYTHING ELSE WHICH HELPED YOU WIN
FINALLY, YOUR CARDS BROUGHT AN UNEXPECTED WIN. IT IS SIMPLY GOOD FORTUNE AND...
IT WAS NOTHING BUT YOUR GOOD LUCK. IN A SINGLE ROUND GAME, YOU STUCK AROUND TO CALL AT THE END.


HIS RESPONSE, WHEN HE SAW MY CARDS WAS THE SAME AS MY RESPONSE, WHEN I COULDN'T FIGURE THINGS OUT!
IF I DO THIS PROPERLY, LOSING WILL BE OUT OF THE QUESTION!
I LOST, BECAUSE I ASSUMED THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY.


WE'LL PLAY ANOTHER GAME! SHUFFLE AND ARRANGE THE CARDS PLEASE.
HEY, DEALER-SAN.
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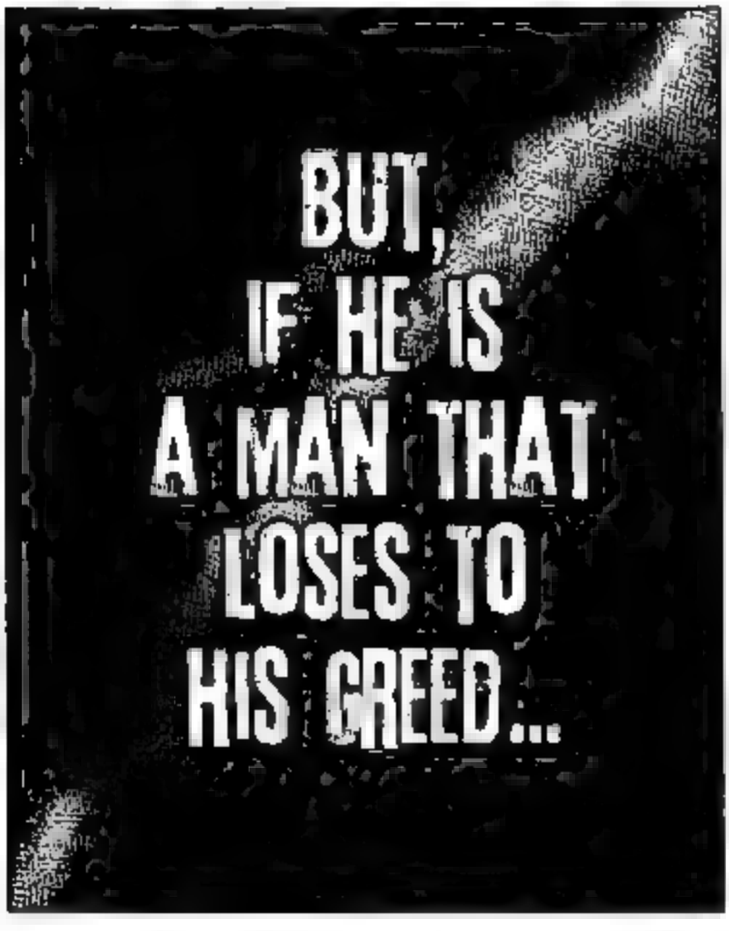

I CAN'T WASTE TIME ON MORE GAMES ANYMORE
BUT, I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE OTHER THAN MAKING ANOTHER BET


I PREFER STICKING WITH THE CASH LIMIT RULE.
I'LL HAVE THE HIGHER HAND.
YEAH, HERE IT COMES


ONE MORE GAME?


I WILL PAY 5 TIMES... NO, 6 TIMES OF WHAT I LOSE, HOW ABOUT IT?
RULES ARE THE SAME AS PREVIOUS GAME.
BUT, IN THIS GAME...


BY THE WAY, THERE IS EVEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING SOME EXTRA MONEY... THESE CONDITIONS AREN'T TOO BAD, RIGHT?
YOU CAN EVEN GET BACK 30 MILLION, IF THINGS GO WELL FOR YOU.


BUT, IF HE IS A MAN THAT LOSES TO HIS GREED...

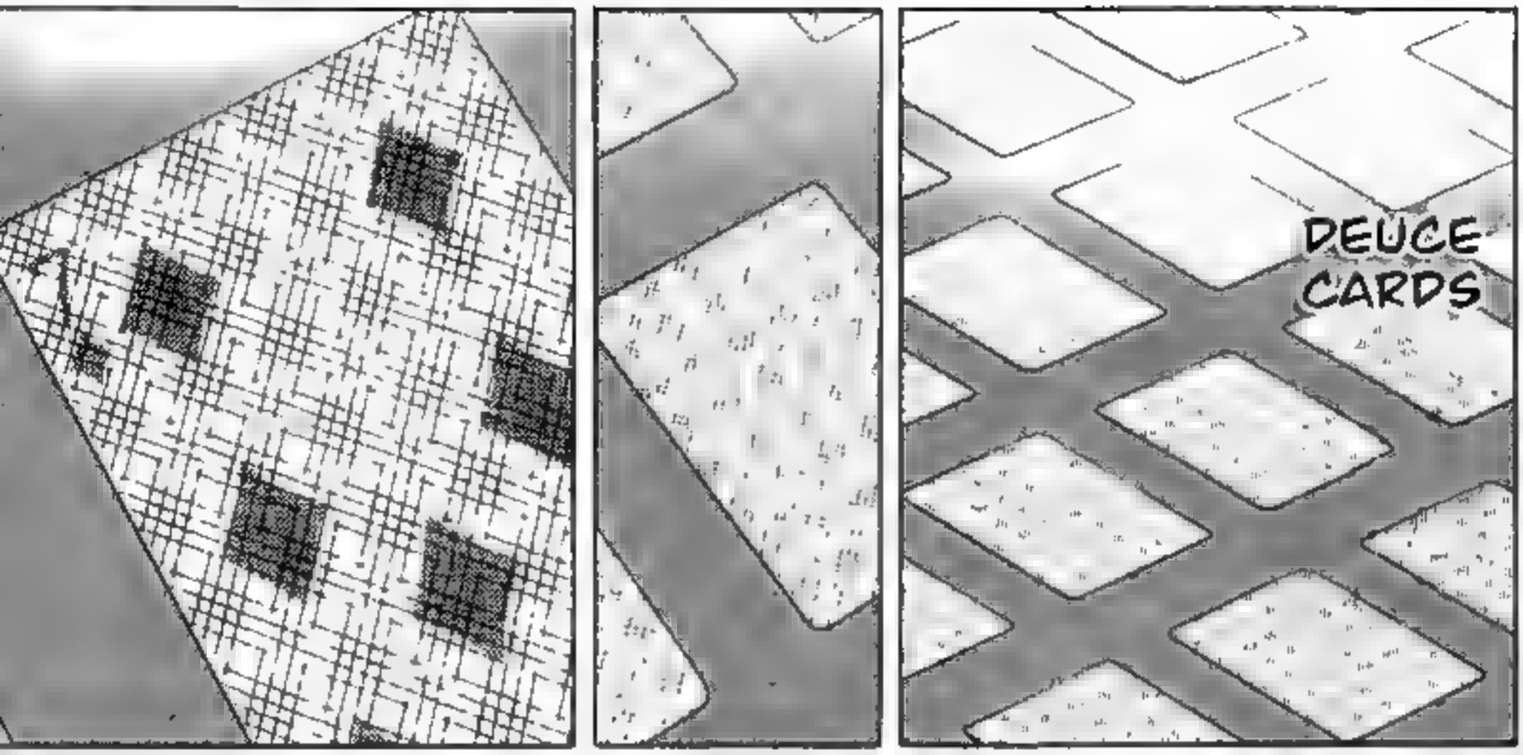

THIS IS MY WAGER.
.....
EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER IF HE GETS SUSPICIOUS AND REFUSES! THEN, I WON'T BE ABLE TO TIE HIM TO A GAME ANYMORE.


FOR SOME REASON, HE SAID THAT HE ATTAINED ENLIGHTEN MENT, BUT...
IF HE DID NOT NOTICE THAT, HE WILL DEFINI- TELY JOIN!


IF HE IS A MAN WHO CAN BE...
CONTROL LED BY MONEY...


SO EASILY.
PEOPLE CANNOT CHANGE...

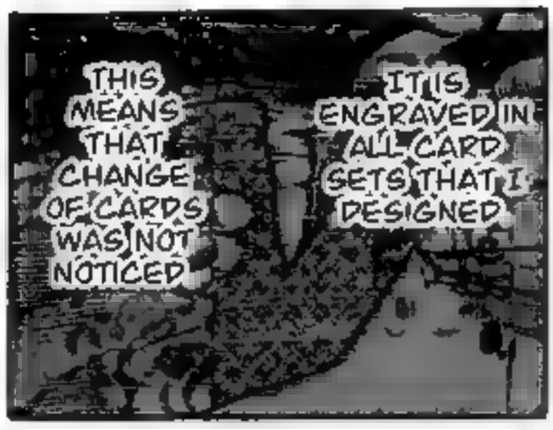

HOW CAN I REFUSE TO PLAY?
SAME-MARU-SAN
IF YOU GO TO SUCH EXTENTS ...
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HE LOST. HE LOST TO HIS GREED!
THESE ARE...

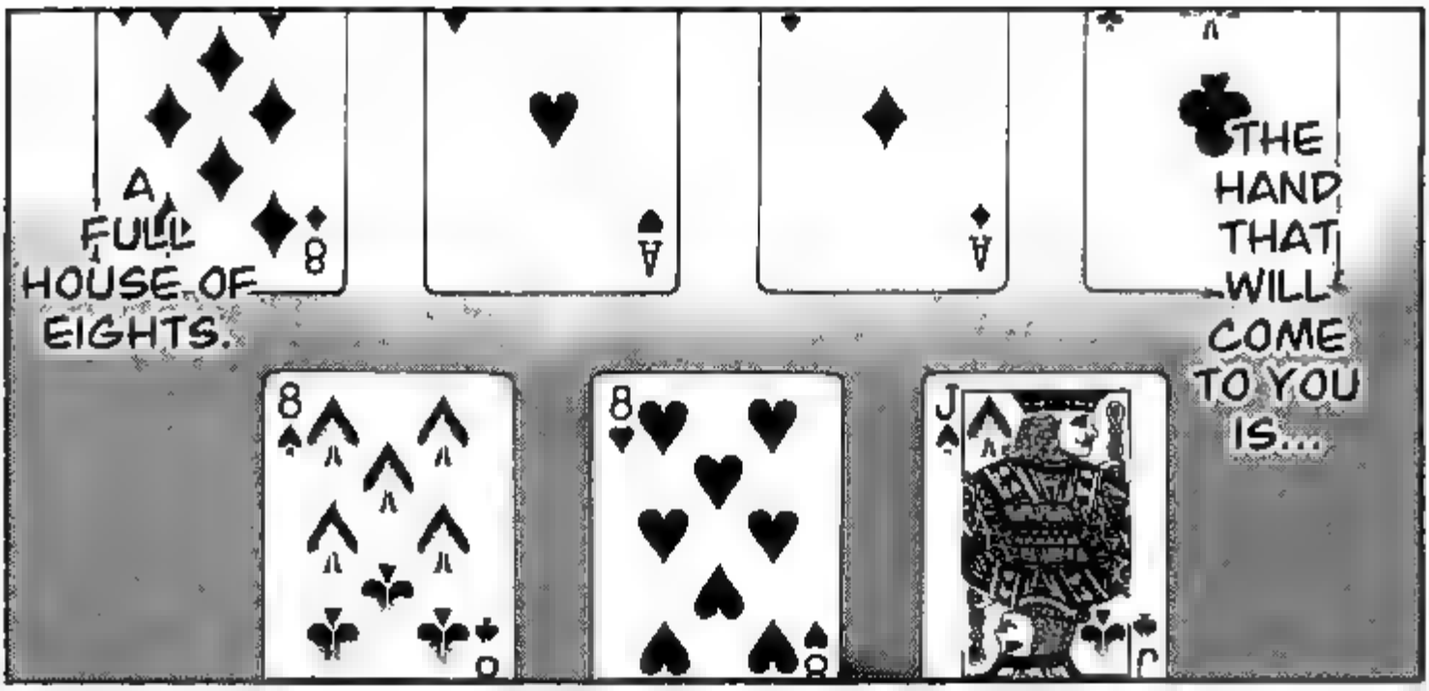

DEUCE CARDS

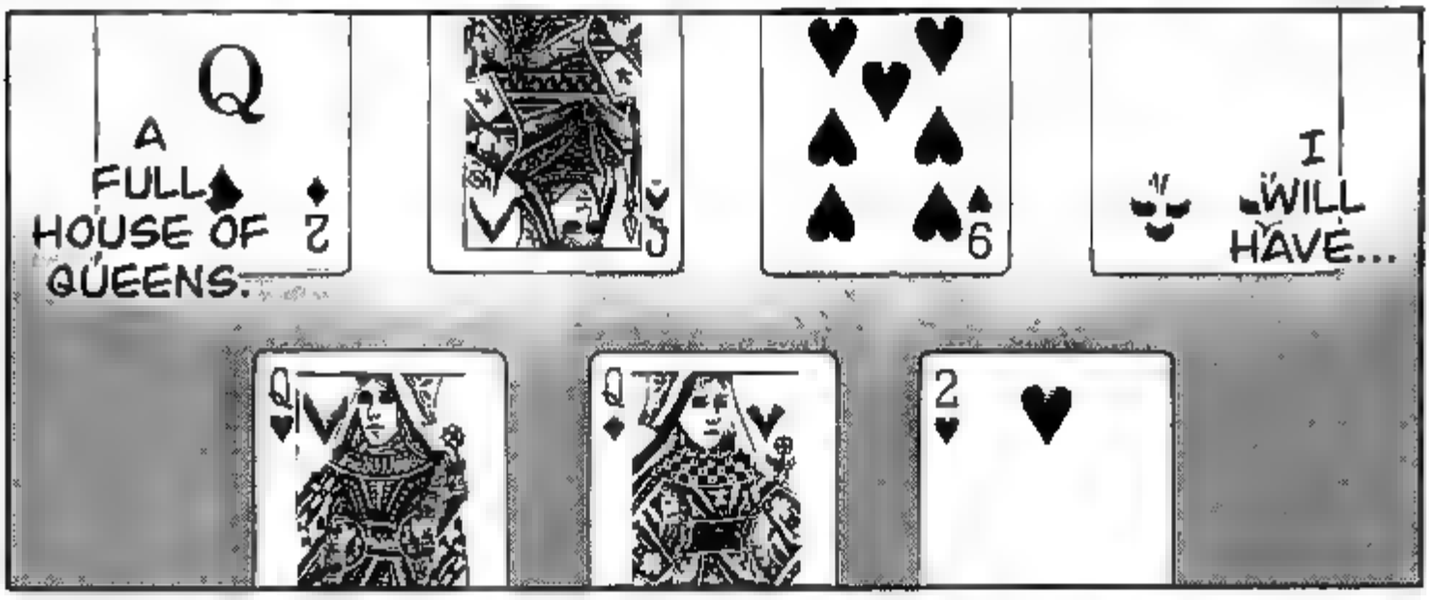

CAN BE READ AS THEY APPEAR ON THE BACK SURFACE...
BY SHIFTING THE FOCAL POINT OF THE EYEBALLS, THE CONTENT OF THE CARD...


I CAN SEE RIGHT THOUGH ALL THE CARDS AND I ALREADY KNOW WHAT WILL YOUR "HAND" BE.
HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT ALL CARDS ARE COMPLETELY VISIBLE TO ME.


A PRODUCT THAT IS DESIGNED USING THE THING CALLED MAGIC "SOMETHING PATTERN AND HAS A PRETTY SOLID THEORY BEHIND IT


THIS MEANS THAT CHANGE OF CARDS WAS NOT NOTICED
IT IS ENGRAVED IN ALL CARD SETS THAT I DESIGNED

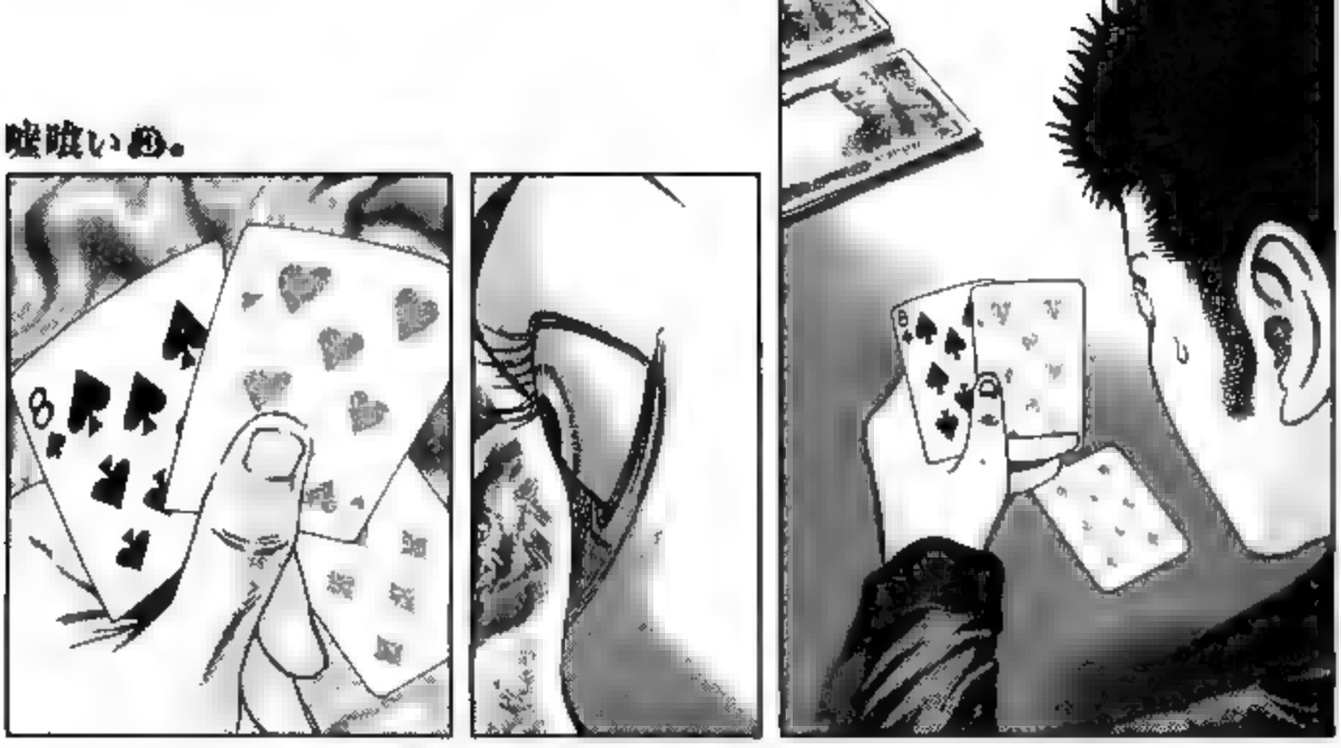

A FULL HOUSE OF EIGHTS.
THE HAND THAT WILL COME TO YOU IS...


A FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS.
I WILL HAVE...


I CAN ALREADY IMAGINE HIS SHOCKED APPEARANCE, WHEN HE SEES MY FULL HOUSE AFTER REVEALING ALL HIS CARDS.
HE WILL RESOURCES TO HIS LIMITS.

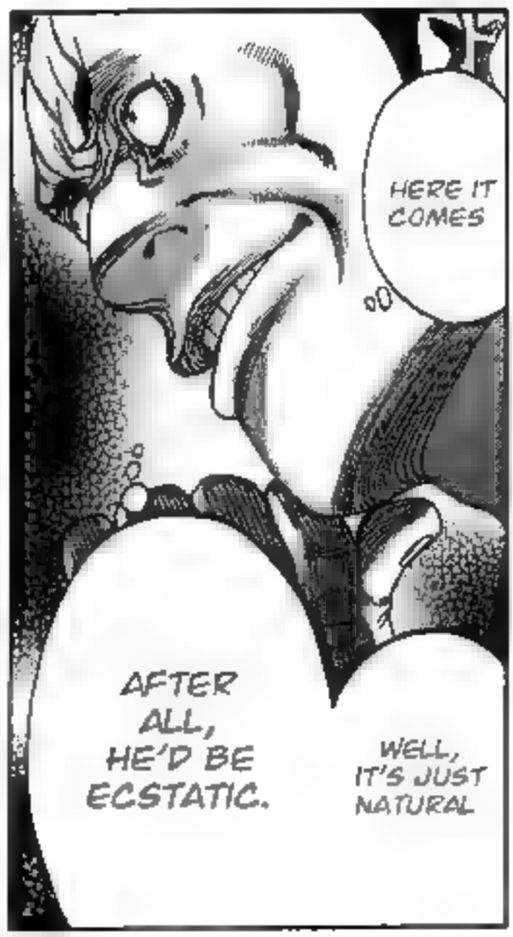

I BET 100K.
BECAUSE, BOTH SIDES WILL THINK THAT THEY ARE WINNING...
IN POKER, THE HIGHER THE HANDS, THE HIGHER THE BETS WILL BE!

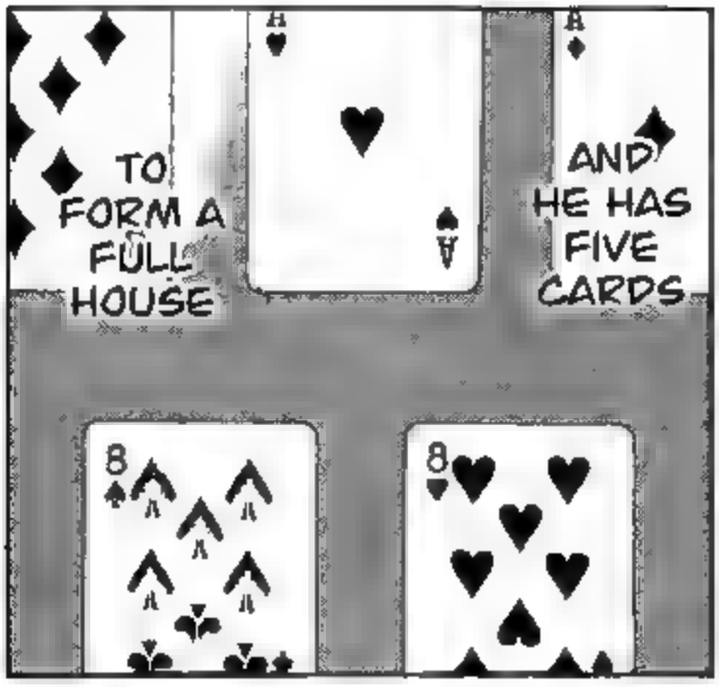
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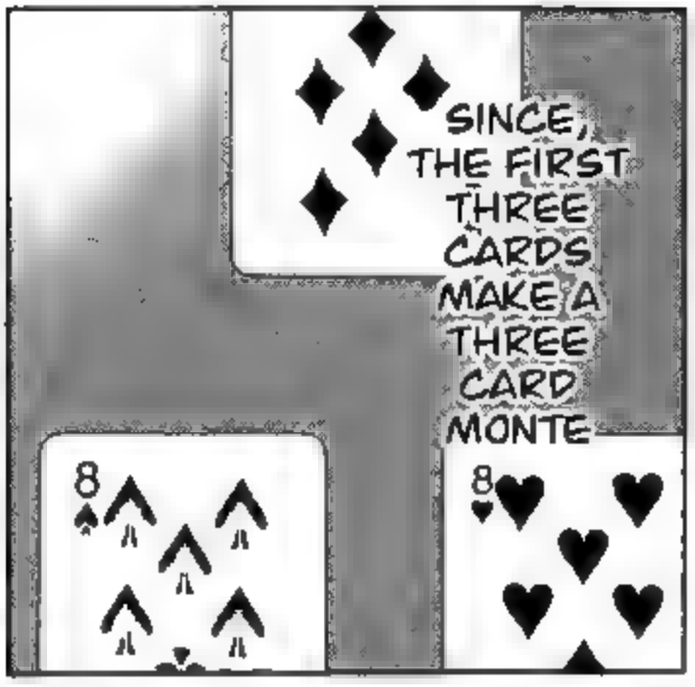



I RAISE TO ZOOK.
I RAISE...


HE SHOULD BE THINKING, "I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS, I'M SO LUCKY".
HE'D ASSUME THAT HE HAS A GREAT OPPORTU-NITY
OR KEEP DREAMING THAT... "RIGHT NOW, I AM THE LUCKIEST MAN ON THIS WORLD"!

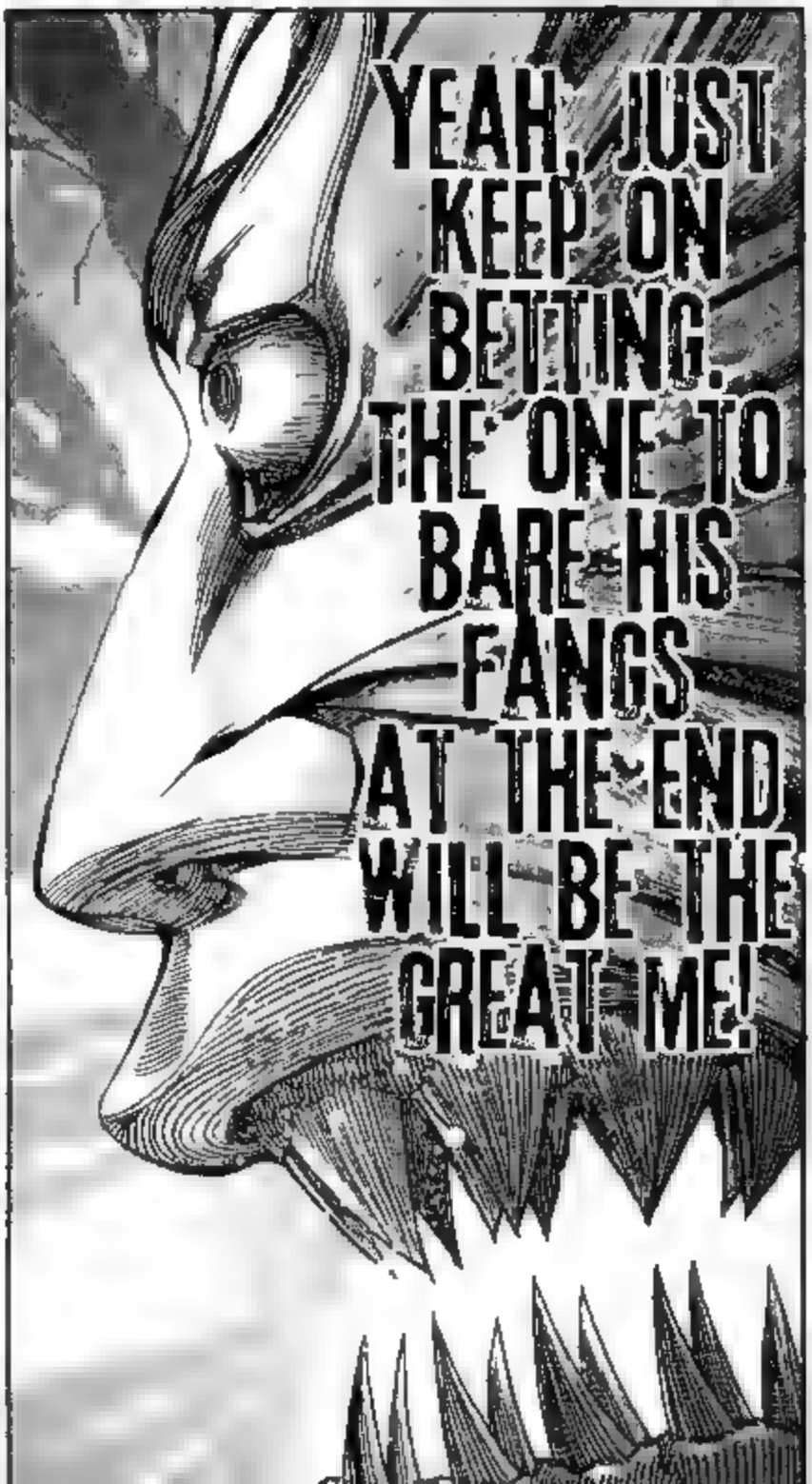

HERE IT COMES
AFTER ALL, HE'D BE ECSTATIC.
WELL, IT'S JUST NATURAL


TO FORM A FULL HOUSE
AND HE HAS FIVE CARDS


SINCE, THE FIRST THREE CARDS MAKE A THREE CARD MONTE


CALL!


CALL!


YEAH, JUST KEEP ON BETTING. THE ONE TO BARE HIS FANGS AT THE END WILL BE THE GREAT ME!


THAT MAKES THINGS DIFFICULT FOR ME BECAUSE IF I LOSE I MUST PAY 6 TIMES THE AMOUNT WHICH WILL BE LOST. BUT, IT CAN'T BE HELPED...
IT SEEMS LIKE MY BET DEPENDS ON THIS LAST CARD...
JUDGING FROM YOUR EXPRESSION, YOU MUST HAVE A REALLY GOOD HAND, RIGHT?

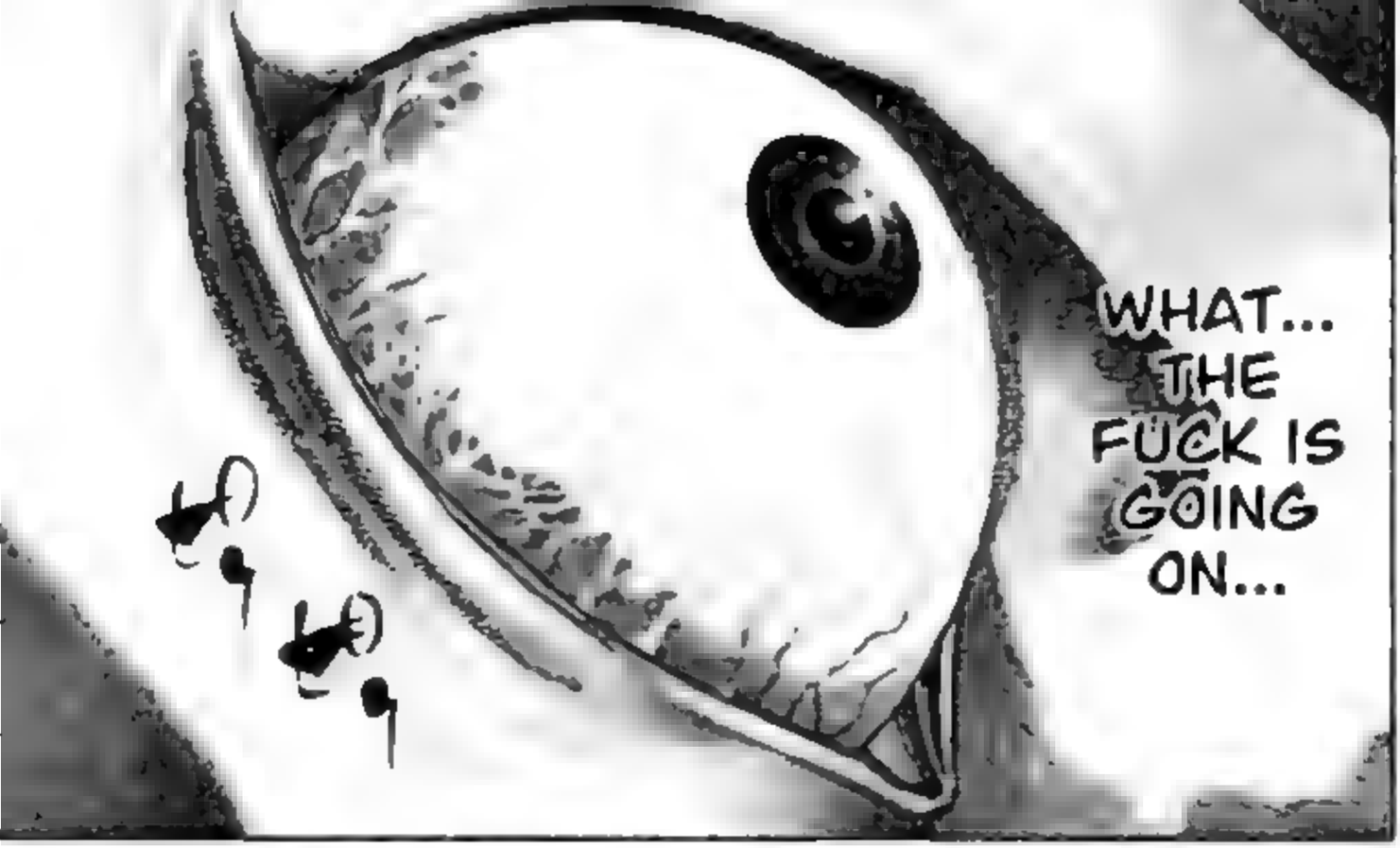

Hehehe he...
WITH THIS LAST CARD...
AND...


A FULL HOUSE OF...!
HEE HEE, YOU ONLY HAVE


MY FULL HOUSE OF QUEENS IS COMPLETE!


EI...



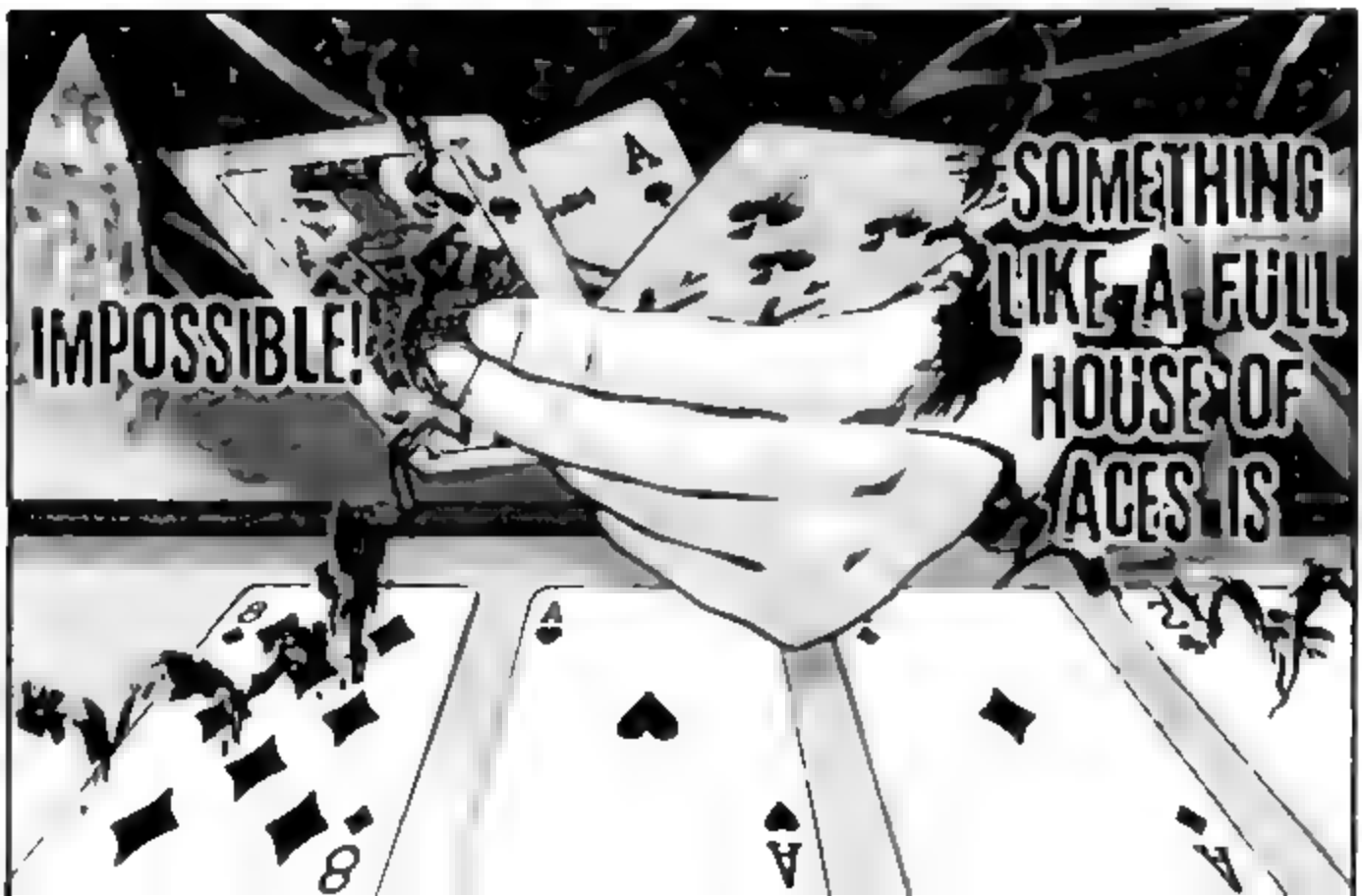

WHAT... THE FUCK IS GOING ON...


THE ACE OF SPADES!! WHY... WHY...?
WHY DOES HE HAVE...


HE FORMED A FULL HOUSE OF ACES!



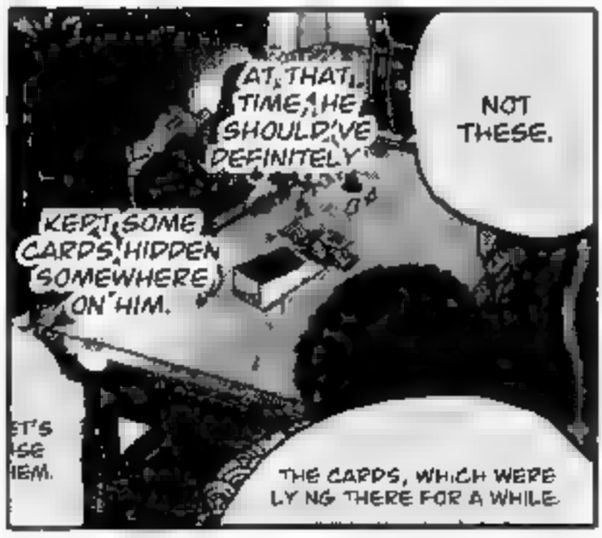

CHAPTER 31: FORTUNE IS MYSTERIOUS AND UNPREDICTABLE




THE LAST CARD, HIS HAND WAS...
AT THE TIME
WHEN HE DREW...


SON OF A BITCH! HE SWITCHED THE CARDS.
CERTAINLY A FULL HOUSE OF EIGHT!


MORE CRUEL THAN DEATH. HEHE, I WANT TO SEE YOU SUFFER!
WE ARE EXPECTED TO LET KAKEROU DEAL WITH OUR OPPONENTS WHEN WE IDENTIFY CHEATING. FROM WHAT I HAVE HEARD, KAKEROU'S PUNISHMENT IS...

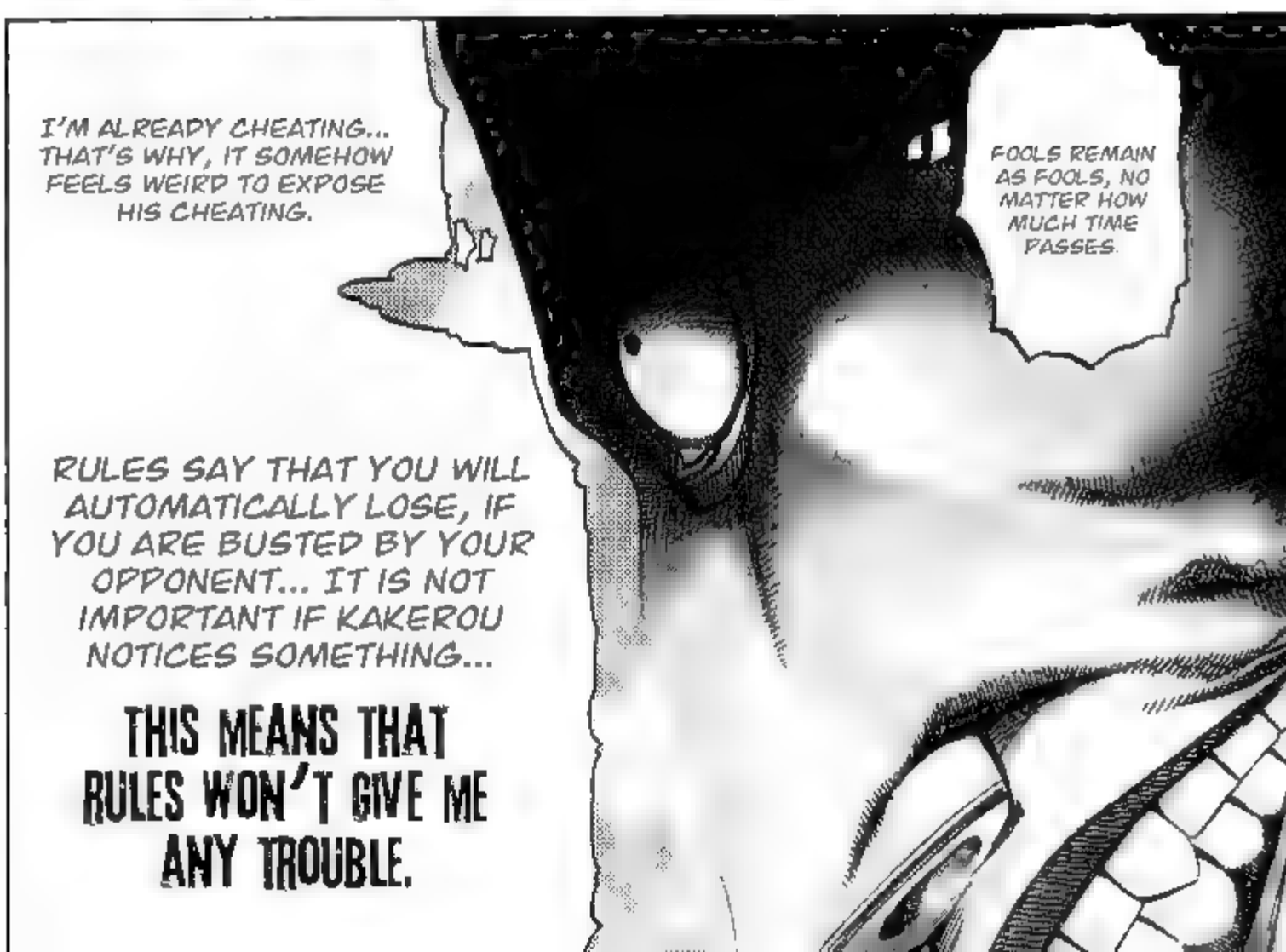

NOT THESE.
AT THAT TIME, HE SHOULD'VE DEFINITELY
KEPT SOME CARDS HIDDEN SOMEWHERE ON HIM.
THE CARDS, WHICH WERE LYING THERE FOR A WHILE.


IS HE A MORON.?!
THIS IS KNOWN AS CHEATING.


IT'S OVER.
I CAN RECOGNIZE THE REAL CARDS, WHEN I LOOK CARE-FULLY
SUFFER IN HELL DUE TO YOUR CHEAP TRICK.
!?
HEH HEE
HEH HEH HE
HEH HEH HEE, HEY NOWA-SAN.
I NOTICED SOMETHING VERY INTER-ESTING.
HOW CAN I SAY IT?!
W...WHAT BLUNDER AM I DOING!
I HAVE TO CALM DOWN!
WOULDN'T IT BE THE SAME AS ADMITTING MY CHEATING?

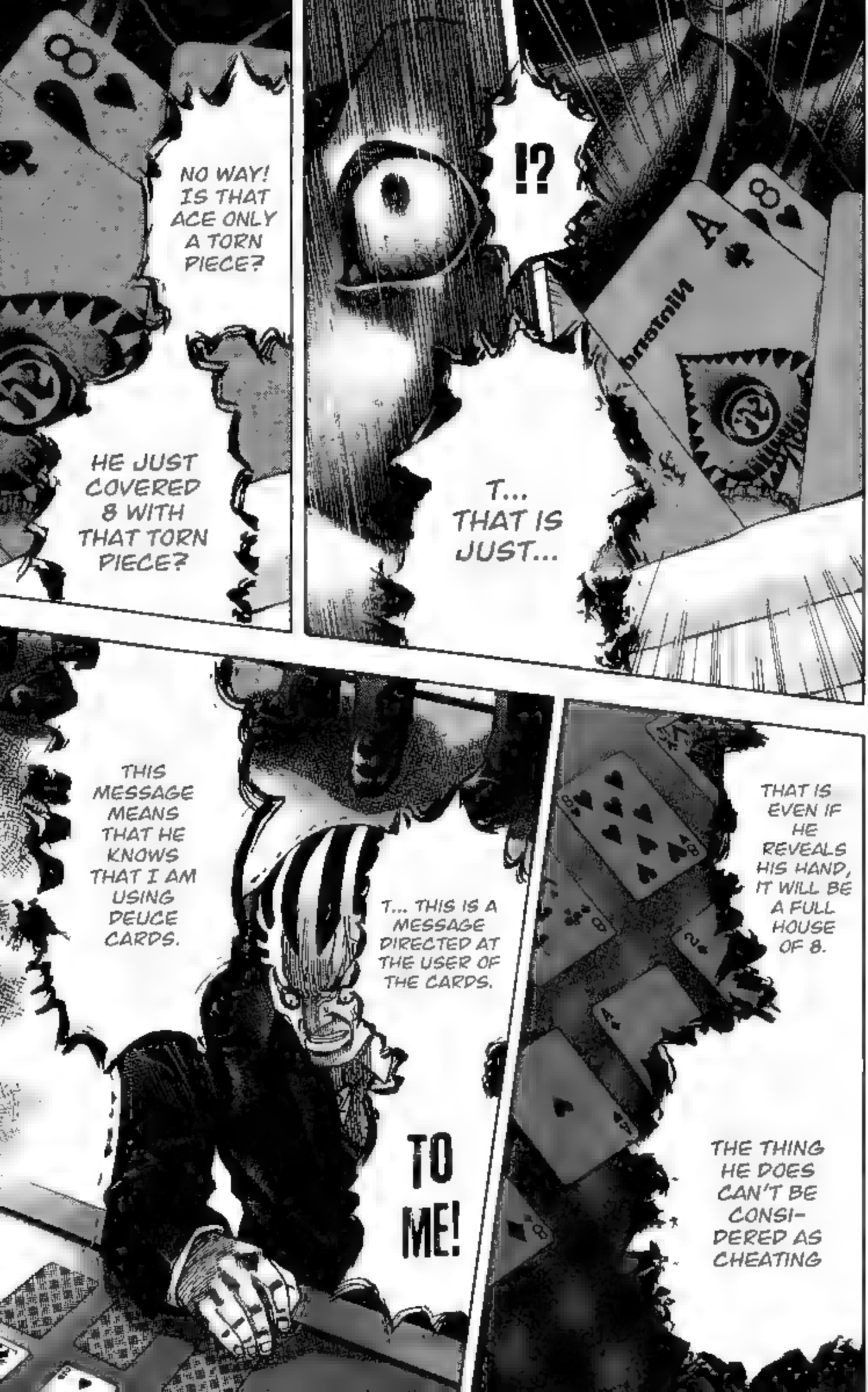

REVEALING ONLY HIS CARD CHANGE... ONLY HIS CHEATING WILL BE ENOUGH.
HE IS STILL NOT AWARE THAT I'M USING DEUCE CARDS!


THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR A BODY CHECK. YES, THAT SHOULD BE THE WAY TO DO IT
I'LL SAY THAT I SAW HIM SWITCHING THE CARDS SECRETLY


I'M ALREADY CHEATING... THAT'S WHY, IT SOMEHOW FEELS WEIRD TO EXPOSE HIS CHEATING.
FOOLS REMAIN AS FOOLS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES.
RULES SAY THAT YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY LOSE, IF YOU ARE BUSTED BY YOUR OPPONENT... IT IS NOT IMPORTANT IF KAKEROU NOTICES SOMETHING...
THIS MEANS THAT RULES WON'T GIVE ME ANY TROUBLE.


HAA?
I HELD THIS AS A GUARANTEE.
HE HAS BEEN...
SINCE THE LAST GAME
HEEEY NOWA-SAN, I SAW IT
THERE IS NO VICTORY FOR SAMEMARU-SAN WHO WAS DAYDREAMING BECAUSE OF OVER-OPTIMISTIC CALCULATIONS AND DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE GAMBLE!
I WAS PLANNING TO USE THIS HAND IN CASE I'M LOSING, BECAUSE OF THE CARDS I DRAW.
YOU SON OF A...
"SLIPPE."
WHAT ARE YOU GABBING ABOUT, YOU BRAT?
DID YOU THINK THAT I WOULD NOT FIND ABOUT YOUR CHEATING?


HUH?
"SLIDE"


NO WAY! IS THAT ACE ONLY A TORN PIECE?
HE JUST COVERED 8 WITH THAT TORN PIECE?
!?
T... THAT IS JUST...
THIS MESSAGE MEANS THAT HE KNOWS THAT I AM USING DEUCE CARDS.
T... THIS IS A MESSAGE DIRECTED AT THE USER OF THE CARDS.
TO ME!
THAT IS EVEN IF HE REVEALS HIS HAND, IT WILL BE A FULL HOUSE OF 8.
THE THING HE DOES CAN'T BE CONSI-DERED AS CHEATING


HE ASKED FOR THAT CARD CHANGE
TO MAKE ME THINK THAT HE DIDN'T NOTICE THAT TRICK
IT WAS AN ACT!
IT WAS AIMED TO PULL ME INTO THIS KIND OF GAMBLE
SOME-HOW, HE NOTICED THE TRICK ABOUT THE CARDS.
BUT, IT WAS FOR HIS PERSONAL BENEFIT OF SEEING THE CARDS.
THE AIM OF THIS TYPE OF CARD ARRANGE-MENT WAS NOT TO PREVENT CHEATING...
EVEN IN THE PREVIOUS GAME, THE REASON THAT HE BET ON HIS LIFE WAS BECAUSE, HE ALREADY KNEW THAT HE WAS GOING TO WIN.


WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, IT SEEMED UNNATURAL.
HE WAS SUPPOSED TO FEEL RELIEVED AFTER WINNING BY A SMALL MARGIN, BUT HIS... HIS BEHAVIOR WAS...
I HAVE AN ACE.
T... THAT WAS ALSO AN ACT.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS HIGHER THAN SAMEMA-RU-SAN'S QUEEN.
I WAS CARRIED AWAY BY GREED...
AND DIDN'T SEE IT.
I CAN'T TRUST.
PLAYING STUNTS TO MAKE ME FORGET ABOUT DANGERS OF CHEATING.
AND PROCEED-ING TO THIS GAME WAS HIS
REAL AIM
RULES ARE ALRIGHT AS THEY ARE NOW.

# I AM BUSTED.


MY VICTORY MEANS THAT... I WILL BE CLEANED BY KAKEROU...
THAT CUT-OFF PIECE HAS NO OTHER PURPOSE THAN BEING A MESSAGE.
BASED ON THE CARDS, I'M THE WINNER.
BUT-I AM NOT AL-LOWED TO WIN USING THE CARDS!


NOT YET!
AH SORRY, I WILL WITHDRAW FROM THIS GA...
.....
WHAT'S WRONG, SAMEMARU?
COMPLETE WHAT YOU WANTED TO SAY.


IT STILL DOES NOT REACH 30 MILLION.
SAMEMARU-SAN, BEFORE YOU WITHDRAW, YOU WILL PLACE A FINAL BET OF 3.2M.
AND THEN, I WILL RAISE YOUR BET.
SAMEMARU-SAN, YOU WON'T FOLD UNTIL...


S...
SEIZED...

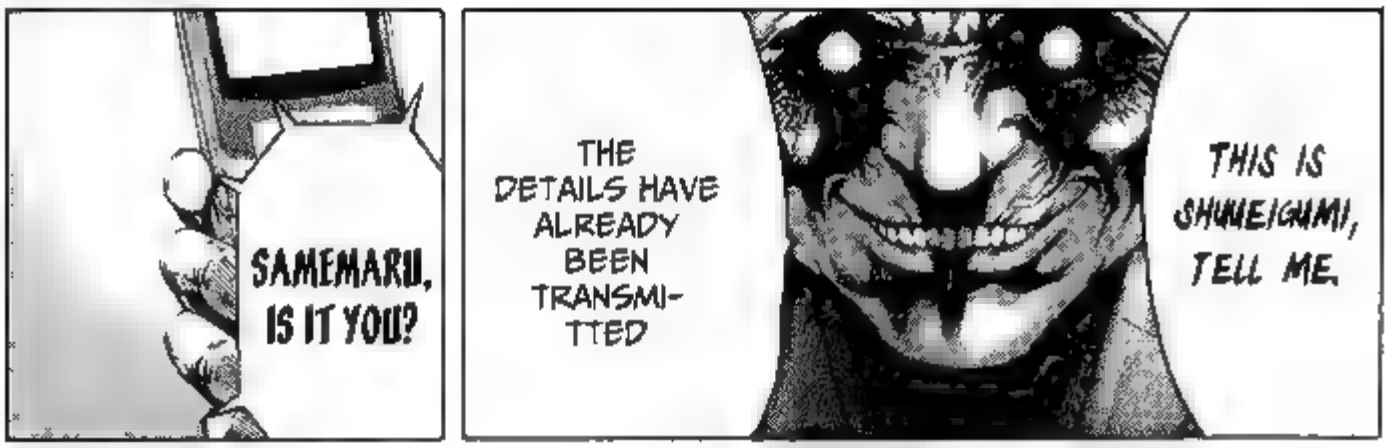

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THIS GUY...


I RAISE BY 100 YEN.


MY LIFE IS...
SEIZED BY THIS BRAT!


MONEY... GREED...
THE ONE THAT WAS MANIPU-LATED BY THEM...
CHEAP TRICK.
BY SUCH A...
I SUCH A TRICK?
GET CAUGHT IN...
WHY DID I...
DO AS YOU LIKE.
.....
.....
SHIT!
...WAS ME!
I.... I WON... BAKU-SAN!
I SEE I SEE, IT SEEMS LIKE IT IS FINALLY OVER. OKAY THEN.
HOW ABOUT WE CONCLUDE BY COLLECTING THE MONEY?
It was hell of a boring game.


SINCE, SAMEMARU-SAN'S BET WAS 6.4 MILLION AND HE WITHDREW
HE WILL PAY SIX TIMES THAT AMOUNT, WHICH MAKES 38.4M. SO, TAKE IT OUT.
.....
I AM SHORT BY...
HERE
I AM 5 MILLION SHORT.
BUT DON'T WORRY, OUR SYNDI-CATE WILL PAY THAT.
SHIT!
THE CASH IN THIS CASINO WAS NOT A BIG DEAL... BUT...


SAMEMARU, IS IT YOU?
THE DETAILS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRANSMI-TTED
THIS IS SHUMEIGUMI, TELL ME.


*CLACK*
You gambled as you pleased, and lost it. DEAL WITH IT YOUR-SELF.
Know your own place! The likes of you to take over kakerou membership position? Only in your dreams.

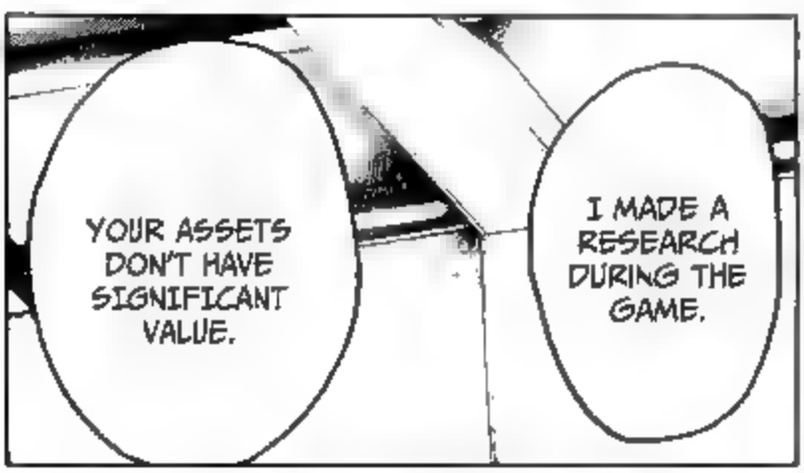

USING YOUR LIFE
CHRIS LEE, SECURE THE PLACE!
IS THE ONLY OPTION TO COLLECT YOUR DEBT.
TRY NOT TO SOAK THE PLACE TOO MJCH.
BECAUSE, ITS WORTH DECREA-SES.



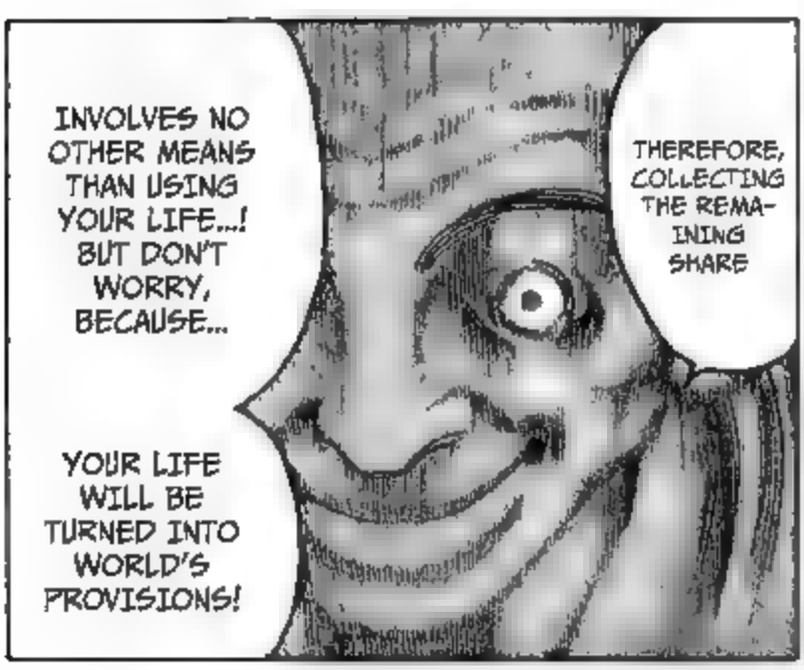

I EVALU-ATED YOUR WORTH AS ONE MILLION.
AS I SAID IN THE BEGIN-NING...
SIGH... THIS WILL BE TROUBLESOME...IT CAN'T BE HELPED


YES


THE MONEY OWED IS NOT IMPORTANT!
EH... W...WAIT A SECOND!


YOUR ASSETS DON'T HAVE SIGNIFICANT VALUE.
I MADE A RESEARCH DURING THE GAME.


D...


INVOLVES NO OTHER MEANS THAN USING YOUR LIFE...! BUT DON'T WORRY, BECAUSE...
THEREFORE, COLLECTING THE REMAINING SHARE
YOUR LIFE WILL BE TURNED INTO WORLD'S PROVISIONS!

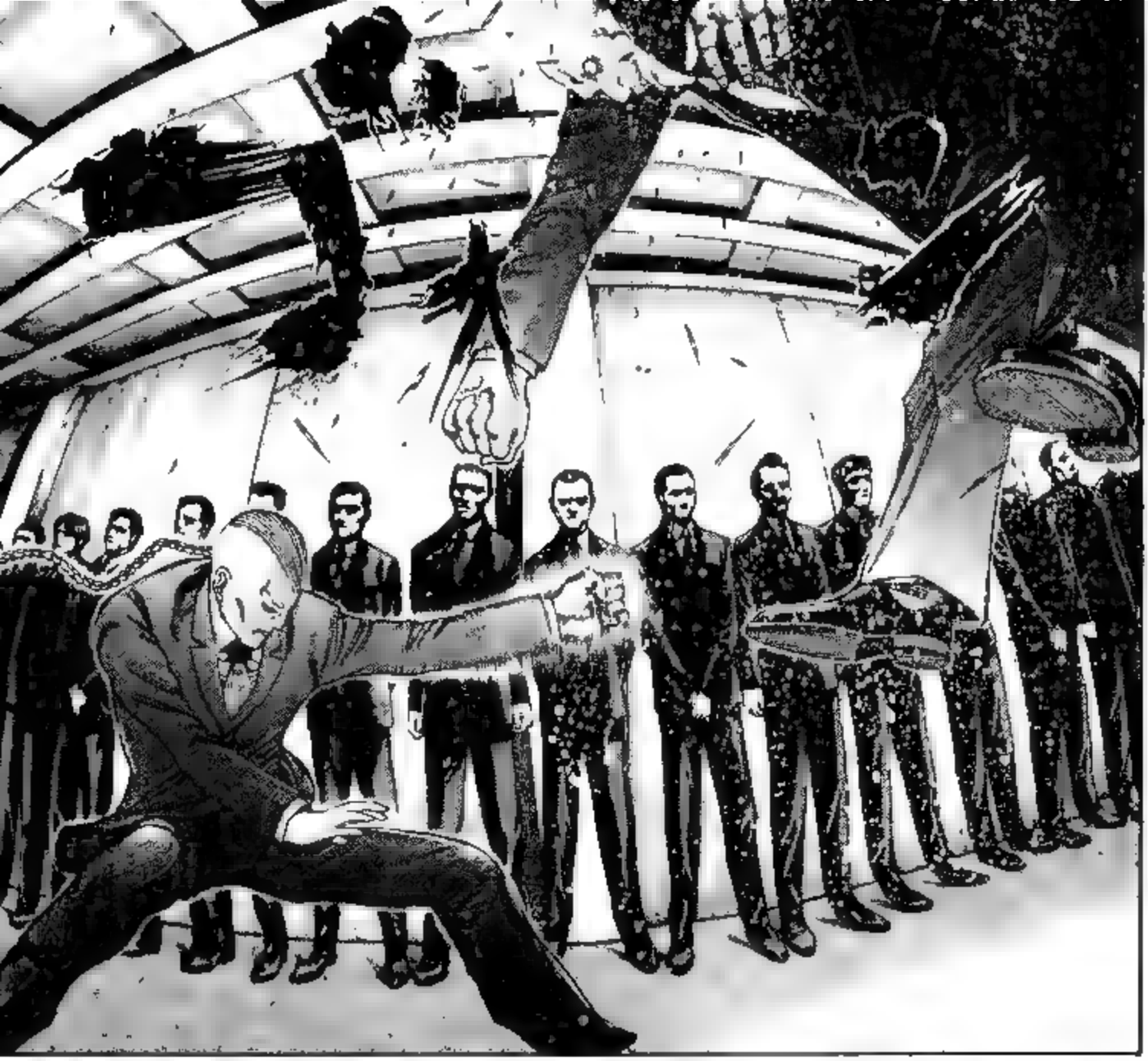

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!!
I HAVE THAT 5M HERE AND THERE!! AND, DIDN'T I TELL YOU THAT I WILL PAY?
I CAN FIND THE MONEY!


HE SEEMS STRONG
ONCE... NO, I'LL NEED TO HIT TWICE.
LEE IS THE STRONGEST MAN AMONG THE NEXT GENERATION REFEREE CANDIDATES.
I MIGHT OVERLOOK THINGS, IF YOU CAN WIN HIM.
BITCH!
YOU SON OF A...






A..A-
ANIKI!!




STOP
I... I...
HOW DARE YOU... MAKE ANIKI...
SO YOU'LL BE TURNED INTO MONEY JUST LIKE YOUR ANIKI!!
A SINGLE BODY COSTS 2M, YOURS WON'T NOT BE ENOUGH.


MAGOROKU IS INJU-RED...
.....
IF YOU'D TURN SOMEONE INTO MONEY...
TRY IT ON MARCO.
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# 廃ビル脱出勝負!!

THE GAMBLE, ON ESCAPING FROM THE ABANDONED BUILDING!!

**BATTLE:** BAKU A.K.A. USOGUI VS Q-TAROU
**CONDITIONS FOR WINNING:** SUCCESSFUL ESCAPE FROM THE ABANDONED BUILDING
**REWARD FOR WINNER:** KAKEROU MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES AND 100,000$
**COST OF DEFEAT:** DEATH



Q-TAROU HAS ABSOLUTE TRUST IN HIM. HE'S HIS GUARD AND HIS BIGGEST FEAR

**RODEMU**

**KOKONOE TAROU (Q-TAROU)**

HE'S A FORMER GUARD AND AN ASSASSIN FOR HIS OWN PLEASURE. HE SPREADS HIS ROOTS TO THE SECTION AS THE KING OF THE BUILDING.

**KAJI TAKAOMI**

HE'S UNLUCKY THAT HE CAME ACROSS BAKU AT THE GAMING CENTER AND EVEN MORE UNLUCKY FOR ATTENDING A LIFE THREATENING GAMBLE

仲間 COMRADES

VS

**MADARAME BAKU**

HE IS A GAMBLING PRODIGY WITH UNBELIEVABLE INSIGHT. ALSO KNOWN AS "USOGUI", HE HAS A CONNECTION WITH KAKEROU

**SO FAR...**

BETTING ON MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES OF ENIGMATIC GAMBLING ORGANIZATION "KAKEROU", BAKU AND KAJI ARE CHALLENGED IN NO-RULE GAMBLE OF ESCAPE THE ABANDONED BUILDING. RECOGNIZING BAKU AS USOGUI FROM HIS APPEARANCE, Q-TAROU RELEASES THE EVIL ASSASSIN RODEMU. AGAINST SUCH AN INCREDIBLE BRUTE POWER, BAKU HAD TO CHANGE THE PLANS AND FINALLY LEAVES RODEMU POWERLESS AFTER USING ALL HIS RESOURCES. THEN HE MANIPULATES RODEMU AS HIS OWN PUPPET AND BEGINS CORNERING Q-TAROU AND...!?

**YAKOU HIKOICHI**

HE'S KAKEROU REFEREE #2. HE'S THE MAN WHO KNOWS USOGUI'S PUZZLE-LIKE PAST


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USOGUI SIDE STORY

# DEBT COLLECTOR YAKOU HIKOICHI

I CAME TO COLOMBIA.

BECAUSE OF THE LEADER'S ORDERS,

LIVES ARE WORTH LESS THAN MONEY HERE.

BANG BANG BANG

OF COURSE THE PUBLIC SECURITY HERE IS VERY BAD...

SPEAKING ABOUT COLOMBIA, ITS SOUVENIRS ARE COFFEE, EMERALDS, AND

COCAINE.

BANG

BANG

PHEW, GEEZ~

LOOK HOW MESSED UP MY BEAUTIFUL HAIR GOT.

I HAVE BEEN RELYING ON GUNS, SO I'M NOT REALLY GOOD AT FIGHTING.

LOOKS LIKE THE LEADER GAVE HIM THE SAME MISSION TOO.

THIS GUY IS MY PEER, NOWA MITOSHI... SOMEHOW, HE ENJOYS GETTING IN MY WAY...

ZZZ

!

OW

!

WHAT'S WRONG, YAKOU?

I WILL TRY TO COMPLETE THE MISSION BY MYSELF.

AND I DON'T LIKE THIS GUY EITHER...

I DON'T LIKE TO GROUP UP WITH OTHERS...

TO BE CONTINUED